



Henry Lorenzo Talbot and his children at the 1941 Convention of the Amherstburg Regular Missionary Baptist Association, Windsor, Ontario

1. Henry, 2. Luella, 3. George, 4. Gladys, 5. Dorothy, 6. Lyle, 7. Andy, 8. Elsie, 9. Bette (maybe)

Numbers appear above their heads:

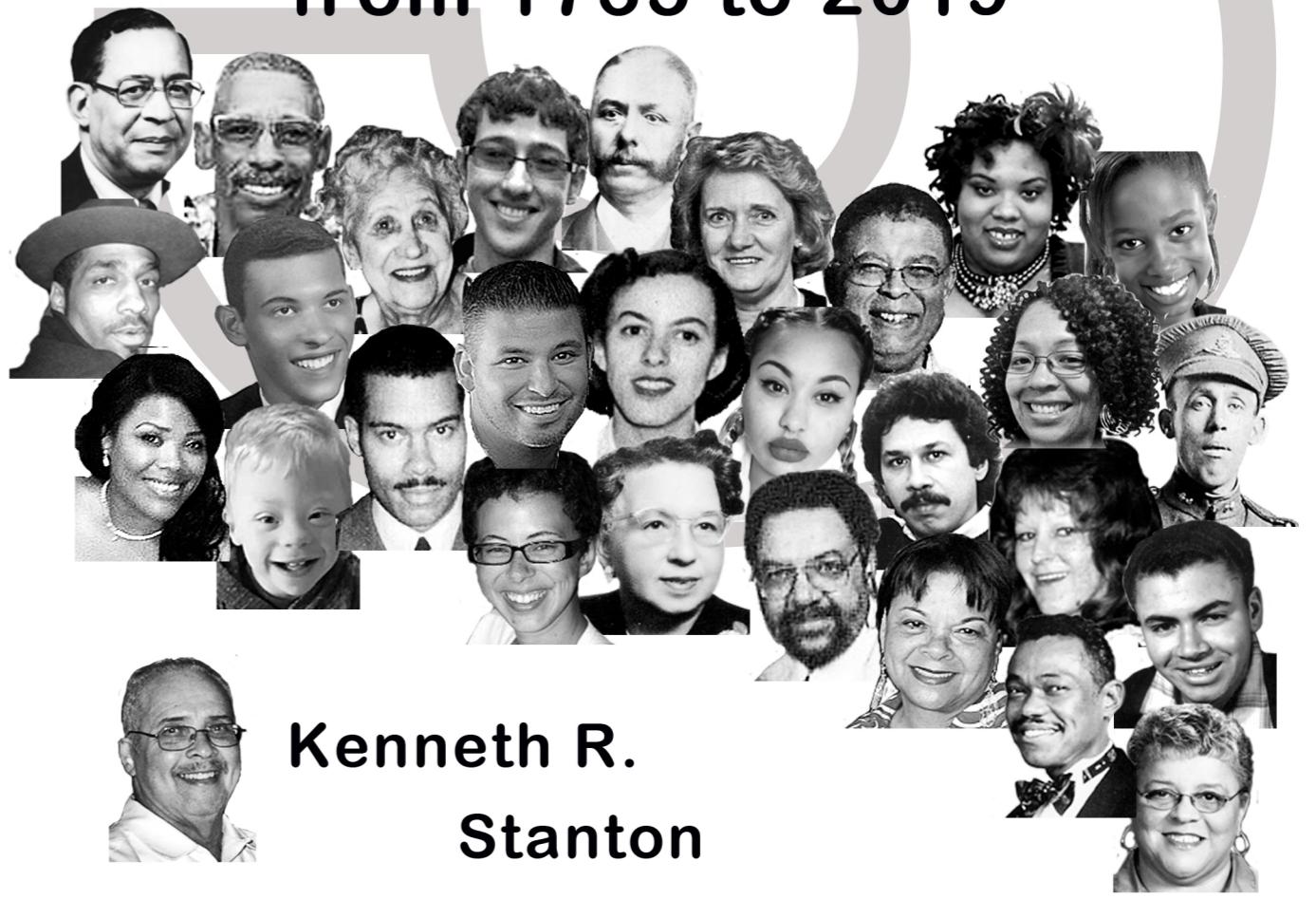
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Now when he [Jesus] had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:

And so was also

**James, and John, the sons of Zebedee,**

which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

Luke 5: 4 - 10

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Since 2020, when I published Sons of Zebedee – Daughters Too! Volumes 1 and 2, I have found new information. Some was from my continuing research for things that I felt were missing from the first publication, such as:

- Which Brewster was the father of Lorenzo Talbot, my 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandfather, the stepson of Zebedee Dunbar Talbot?
- Where was Lorenzo born?
- What was the maiden name of his mother, Silvia, Zebedee's wife?
- When and where were Zebedee and Silvia married?
- What was the maiden name of Lorenzo's wife, Martha Frances?
- And many more unsolved mysteries.

Some new information was dropped in my lap from:

- Other members on ancestry.com, who found connections with people in my “Zebedee Talbot family(1)” tree, and
- People who discovered they shared DNA with me and others on my Talbot tree, who reached out for more information.

I felt that some of the discoveries were so important that I had to share them with people who purchased the original books. Therefore, we have this Volume 3.



## The Journey of Discovery Continues

### Introduction

On 1 Oct 2021, I bought a membership for *newspapers.com*, a website that offers access to their collection of North American newspapers. You can search by name, date or date range, and location. I began a search to see if any of the descendants of Zebedee Dunbar Talbot appeared in any newspaper articles or obituaries.

I was especially interested in those of Lorenzo Talbot's children for whom I had little information. Caroline (1874 - ?) was one of them. John Henry (1869 - ?) was another. I found both.

### Chapter 1: Caroline Talbot (1874 - ?)

Lorenzo Talbot and Martha Frances "Moore" had the following children:

- (i) Willard Alexander (1851),
- (ii) Altha Ann (1852),
- (iii) Simon Andrew (1856),
- (iv) Martha Jane (1857),
- (v) James Wesley (1859),
- (vi) Arthur (1860),
- (vii) Alista Almenia (1862),
- (viii) Emily (1864),
- (ix) George Allen (1865),
- (x) Mary (1866),
- (xi) John Henry (1869),
- (xii) Frances (1871),
- (xiii) Sarah M. (1872),
- (xiv) **Caroline (1874)**,
- (xv) Frances Alida (1877).

In Volume 1, **Chapter 11: Lorenzo Talbot (1828 - 1907)** I wrote the following shaded section. I am repeating it here, below, to save you having to look it up. The new information that I have since found for Caroline follows on page 16.

(xiv) Caroline Talbot (1874 - ?)

Lorenzo Talbot, Unknown Brewster)

There are few records of Caroline, a.k.a. Carrie Talbot, Martha Frances' second-last delivery. She appears in one Canadian census record and two city directories in the USA. I have found no birth, marriage, or death record for her.

Caroline was born about 1874. We know of her existence because she is listed among Lorenzo's children in Strathroy during the 1881 Canadian Census.<sup>1</sup> She was the second youngest of Lorenzo's fourteen surviving children. Her sister Sarah was two years older and Frances Alida, three years younger. They and Almenia (19) were the only children left in the 1881 household. Although I have found her father, Lorenzo, in the Hamilton City Directories in the mid-1800s, along with sons Arthur,

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<sup>1</sup> Ibid.

James Wesley, and George Henry, who were old enough to have separate listings, there is no record to show that his young daughters were there too. Assessment records might show the number of children in the household. The Talbots were gone by the time of the 1891 Canadian Census.

The family immigrated to the United States as a group, because by 1890 they begin to show up in U.S. records. Lorenzo's daughter, Martha Jane, had married Pennsylvania-born Daniel Roberts in 1874, and moved to Titusville, Pennsylvania;<sup>2</sup> by 1891, the Roberts were in Jamestown, NY, with five children.<sup>3</sup> Lorenzo, Martha Frances, Caroline, and Frances Talbot made their home in Jamestown near the Roberts. The 1890 Jamestown City Directory has a listing for both Caroline and her father.

| Holmes Awning Works. Tents and Sidewalk Canopy.  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| 206  | JAMESTOWN [ T ] DIRECTORY. |
| Tackley Fred, carpenter, r 215 Washington        |                            |
| Taft L. D. fireman, r 51 Harrison                |                            |
| Talbert Sarah, laundress, bds 210 w 2d           |                            |
| Talbot Caroline, domestic, 116 Marvin            |                            |
| Lorenzo, carpenter and whitewasher, r 116 Marvin |                            |
| Tanstrom William, factory employee, r 115 Camp   |                            |
| Tappin Hiram, lab., r 413 Falconer               |                            |

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The Sarah Talbert listed here could be Lorenzo's daughter too. Sarah's firstborn, Harry Alexander, was born 1893 in Jamestown NY, according to his death registration.<sup>5</sup>

Lorenzo and Martha Frances were listed in Jamestown in the 1892 New York State Census, both age sixty-four.<sup>6</sup> Frances Alida (16) was listed as a domestic.<sup>7</sup> I found no record for Caroline in that 1892 census.

<sup>2</sup> 1880 United States Federal Census, Titusville, Crawford, Pennsylvania, The Generations Network, Inc., 2005, <http://interactive.ancestry.com/6742/4244291-00206/37208179?backurl=http://person.ancestry.com/tree/71322150/person/30234302409/facts/citation/161852686722/edit/record>, (accessed 21 Nov 2016).

<sup>3</sup> 1892 New York State Census, Jamestown, Chautauqua County, Ward 2, Election District 3, page 3, Op. cit.

<sup>4</sup> Jamestown City Directory for 1890-91, (F.H. & W. A. White, Jamestown NY, 1890), 206, in the collection of the Fenton History Center, 67 Washington St., Jamestown NY.

<sup>5</sup> Ontario, Canada, Deaths, 1869-1938 and Deaths Overseas, 1939-1947, Archives of Ontario, Toronto; FHL microfilm 1907012, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2010, [http://interactive.ancestry.com/8946/ONMS935\\_296-0633/2271270?backurl=http://person.ancestry.com/tree/71322150/person/30433926990/facts/citation/700152193714/edit/record](http://interactive.ancestry.com/8946/ONMS935_296-0633/2271270?backurl=http://person.ancestry.com/tree/71322150/person/30433926990/facts/citation/700152193714/edit/record), (accessed 19 Nov 2016).

<sup>6</sup> 1892 New York State Census, Jamestown, Chautauqua County, Ward 2, Election District 3, page 4, Op. cit.

<sup>7</sup> 1892 New York State Census, Jamestown, Chautauqua County, Ward 2, Election District 3, page 12, Op. cit.

| Region of the Inhabitants living in the <u>Third</u> Election District of the <u>Borough</u> Ward of the City of <u>Binghamton</u> , in the County of <u>Schuyler</u> , N. Y., on Feb. 18, 1892. |      |       |          |                        |      | Page 19   |               |                    |
|--|------|-------|----------|------------------------|------|-----------|---------------|--------------------|
| NAME   | AGE  | SEX   | DEGREE   | NAME                   | AGE  | SEX       | DEGREE        |                    |
| W. D. Johnson  | m 37 | M. S. | Engaged  | Loral Farmer           | f 30 | F         | Single        |                    |
| John Spencer   | f 22 | "     | "        | Habib E. Conroy        | m 33 | "         | Married       |                    |
| John Kelley  | m 20 | "     | "        | Kate P. Bell           | f 9  | "         | "             |                    |
| John Kelly   | f 21 | "     | "        | J. L. Bremell          | m 32 | "         | "             |                    |
| John Gray  | m 42 | M     | Married  | J. H. Bremell          | f 30 | "         | "             |                    |
| John Gray  | f 18 | "     | "        | Rufus B. Bremell       | m 6  | "         | "             |                    |
| John Goldard   | f 27 | Oly.  | Engaged  | Wendy G. Bremell       | f 4  | "         | "             |                    |
| John Goldard   | m 19 | "     | "        | Laford Edwards         | m 2  | "         | "             |                    |
| John Goldard   | m 16 | "     | "        | Auguste Peterson       | m 55 | S         | Single        |                    |
| John Goldard   | f 7  | "     | "        | Emmale Peterson        | f 31 | M. S.     | "             |                    |
| John Goldard   | m 37 | "     | "        | Charlotte A. Peterson  | f 6  | "         | "             |                    |
| John Goldard   | f 28 | "     | "        | Charles Lovington      | m 30 | S         | Single        |                    |
| John Goldard   | f 5  | "     | "        | Frank J. Nelson        | m 35 | M. S.     | Married       |                    |
| John Goldard   | 60   | "     | "        | John W. Lovington      | m 35 | S         | Single        |                    |
| John Goldard   | f 52 | "     | "        | Mathilda Peterson      | f 30 | "         | "             |                    |
| John Goldard   | f 19 | "     | "        | Grace M. Lovington     | f 2  | M. S.     | "             |                    |
| John Goldard   | m 10 | "     | "        | Frank A. Lovington     | m 37 | "         | "             |                    |
| John Goldard   | f 39 | "     | "        | Willa B. Lovington     | f 39 | "         | "             |                    |
| John Goldard   | f 46 | "     | "        | Robert O. Lovington    | m 21 | "         | "             |                    |
| John Goldard   | m 20 | "     | "        | Emilia S. Lovington    | m 9  | "         | "             |                    |
| John Goldard   | 62   | "     | "        | Frederick B. Lovington | m 11 | "         | "             |                    |
| <u>John G. Calbot</u>  |      |       |          |                        |      | <u>16</u> | <u>Canada</u> | <u>C. Domestic</u> |
| John G. Calbot   | f 41 | C     | Domestic | John Johnson           | m 38 | "         | Domestic      |                    |
| John G. Calbot   | m 16 | C     | "        | John G. Calbot         | m 30 | M. S.     | "             |                    |
| John G. Calbot   | f 16 | C     | Domestic | Lily M. Loving         | f 66 | "         | "             |                    |
| John G. Calbot   | m 30 | C     | Domestic | John Peterson          | m 35 | Domestic  | Domestic      |                    |
| John G. Calbot   | m 28 | C     | Domestic | Edmund Peterson        | f 48 | "         | "             |                    |
| John G. Calbot   | m 45 | C     | Domestic | John A. Peterson       | m 9  | M. S.     | "             |                    |
| John G. Calbot   | f 35 | "     | "        | George F. Peterson     | m 6  | "         | "             |                    |
| John G. Calbot   | f 7  | "     | "        | Frank Peterson         | m 48 | "         | Painter       |                    |
| John G. Calbot   | m 7  | "     | "        | Eugene J. Peterson     | f 39 | "         | "             |                    |
| John G. Calbot   | f 4  | "     | "        | James L. Whittemore    | f 18 | "         | Domestic      |                    |
| John G. Calbot   | m 2  | "     | "        | Joseph W. Whittemore   | m 18 | "         | Domestic      |                    |
| John G. Calbot   | m 20 | "     | "        | Loring J. Whittemore   | m 18 | "         | "             |                    |
| John G. Calbot   | f 7  | "     | "        | James L. Howard        | f 16 | "         | Domestic      |                    |
| John G. Calbot   | m 5  | "     | "        | James G. Peterson      | m 35 | "         | Painter       |                    |
| John G. Calbot   | m 35 | "     | "        | John Morrison          | m 30 | Domestic  | Domestic      |                    |

Caroline's sister, Almenia, married Thornton Yates in Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1891. Lorenzo and wife Martha Frances, both age sixty-four, were near their daughter, Mrs. Elmira Jane Roberts, in Jamestown, New York, and Frances (16) had found employment there as a domestic.

Sometime before 1894, Martha Frances left Lorenzo in Jamestown; she and daughters Caroline and Frances went to join the Yates in Wheeling. They are all listed in the 1896 Wheeling City Directory, living with Thornton and Almenia at 1024 Eoff. Both daughters were able to find work as domestics.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>8</sup> U.S. City Directories 1821-1989, 1896 Wheeling City Directory, image 311, page 603 and image 274, page 536, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <http://interactive.ancestry.com/2469/15372811/984188415?backurl=http://person.ancestry.com/tree/4014263/person/875410453/facts/citation/117539096981/edit/record#?imageId=15372774>, (accessed 19 Nov 2016).

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| <p><b>HARNESS, TRUNKS, SATCHELS</b> AN ENCLOSED VARIETY, AT 672 &amp;<br/>WHEELING CITY DIRECTORY. DEPTHS 5, 6, 7, 8 &amp; 9<br/>538 Sw. WHEELING CITY DIRECTORY. TAP.</p> <p>Switzer Miss Maggie, stenographer, bds. 41 17th.<br/>Switzer Mrs. Anna, Photographer, (A. A. S.) res. 41 17th.<br/>Switzerland, Mr. &amp; Mrs. J. A. 17th.</p> <p><b>SWEEZ</b> Talbot Miss Carrie, (col'd,) domestic, wks. 2208 Water.<br/>Talbot Miss Frances E., domestic, bds. 1024 Eoff.<br/>Talbot Mrs. Martha, bds. 1024 Eoff.</p> <p>Sylvia Gen. J. V., singing clk. (G. K. McW. &amp; Son Co.) res. 20 11th.<br/>Sylvia Mrs. H., driver, (U. S. Express Co.) res. 908 Alley C.<br/>Sylvia Miss, dressmaker, res. 20 11th.</p> <p>T. Yates Thornton, (col'd) hostler, res. 1024 Eoff.</p> <p>Yates Gen. Beaumaker, bds. 88 Alley 16.<br/>Yates Mrs. Kate, (wid. of Wm.) res. 88 Alley 16.<br/>Tate Mrs. Mary, res. 1024 Eoff.<br/>Tall Jason, porter, bds. E. end Merritt.<br/>Tall Tom, porter, bds. E. end Merritt.<br/>Tall Wm., porter, res. E. end Merritt.</p> <p>Talbot Miss Carrie, (col'd,) domestic, bds. 2208 Water.<br/>Talbot Miss Frances E., domestic, bds. 1024 Eoff.</p> <p>Talbot Miss Lydia, bds. res. 50 25th.<br/>Talbot Mrs. Martha, bds. 1024 Eoff.</p> <p>Talton Max, roofing and gen'l painter, office St. Charles Hotel.</p> <p><b>TANEY CHAS.</b> H., general manager and treasurer West Virginia Piping and Gas Co., 1024 Eoff.</p> <p><b>TANEY JAMES</b> B. U. S. const. Belfast, Ireland, city address 1225 Market.</p> <p>Taylor Samuel L., salesman, bds. 1014 Chaplin.</p> <p>Toney Wm. L., sign painter, (House &amp; M.), bds. National Hotel.</p> <p>Toppin D. E., singer, (C. D. &amp; P. Tel. Co., Palmerston) bds. 81 Vt.</p> <p>Toppin D. E., singer, (C. D. &amp; P. Tel. Co., Palmerston) bds. 81 Vt.</p> <p>Toppin Geo. A., letter carrier (No. 1) bds. 464 11th.</p> <p><b>THE HOTEL WINDSOR</b> RECENTLY<br/>REFURBISHED<br/>RIVER FRONT.</p> |
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That is the last record that I have found for Caroline: no census, directory, marriage, or death record. She is not mentioned in any family obituary, noticeably missing from her brother Simon's obituary in 1932, which lists five surviving sisters: Sarah Logan (Brantford, ON), Minnie Yates (Wheeling, WV), Martha Jane Roberts (Jamestown, NY), Frances Dallard (California), and Altha Ann Titus (Ingersoll, ON).

Caroline remains the most mysterious of Lorenzo and Martha's fifteen children.

#### (xiv) Caroline Talbot (1874 - 1907)

(Lorenzo Talbot, Unknown Brewster)

A search on *newspapers.com* for Caroline "Carrie" Talbot, yielded a notice, on 13 Jul 1898 in the *New Castle News*, of the issue of a marriage licence.

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| <p><b>Caught by Cupid.</b></p> <p>Marrige licences have been issued to following persons all of this city: Joseph D. Washington and Miss May B. Lov- ing; Albert H. Millbrant and Miss Blanche Emery; Samuel O. Mercer and Miss Carrie Talbot.</p> | 9 |
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Having the names of both parties, I was able to search on ancestry.com for a copy of the marriage licence, itself. I found it. On 12 Jul 1898, in New Castle Pennsylvania, Carrie Talbot (23) married Samuel O. Mercer (22), a barber. She gave her birthdate as 7 Jul 1874 and place of birth as Hamilton, Ontario. Both she and Samuel gave their place of residence as New Castle, PA. It was a first marriage for both.

<sup>9</sup> *Newspapers.com*, New Castle News, 13 Jul 1898, page 3, "Caught by Cupid," <https://www.newspapers.com/image/72744581/?terms=%22%20Mercer%22&match=1>, (accessed 14 Jan 2022).

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|   |                        |   |                           |                                     |
|---|------------------------|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name of man  | Samuel O. Mercer       | Full name of woman                          | Carrie Talbot             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Color of man  | Colored                | Color of woman                              | Colored                   |                                     |
| Man, where and when born  | Steubenville, Ohio     | Date of birth                               | Sept 8 <sup>th</sup> 1878 | Age 22 years.                       |
| Woman, where and when born  | Namur, Ontario, Canada | Date of birth                               | July 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1874 | Age 23 years.                       |
| Residence of the man  | New Castle, Pa         | Residence of the woman                      | New Castle, Pa            |                                     |
| Former state of the man   | Singler                | Former state of the woman                   | Singler                   |                                     |
| Date of death of the man's former wife  |                        | Date of death of the woman's former husband |                           |                                     |
| Date of marriage of the man   |                        | Date of marriage of the woman               |                           |                                     |
| Description of the man  | Barber                 | Description of the woman                    |                           |                                     |
| And the said  |                        |   |                           |                                     |
| being minor the consent of<br>of the said minor to the contemplated<br>marriage was first given before the Clerk of the Orphans' Court, and duly signed and acknowledged.   |                        |   |                           |                                     |
| Lawrence County, Pa.—Personally appeared before us, Clerk of the Orphans' Court of said County, at New Castle, Pa.<br>Samuel O. Mercer and Carrie Talbot,<br>who being duly qualified according to law, did depose and say that the statements above set forth are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief.               |                        |   |                           |                                     |
| Sworn and subscribed before us, this 6 <sup>th</sup> day of July, A. D. 1898.   |                        |   |                           |                                     |
| A. S. Love, Clerk of the Orphans' Court. Carrie Talbot  |                        |   |                           |                                     |
| To any minister of the Gospel, Justice of the Peace or other officer or person authorized to administer marriages:—You are hereby authorized to join together in the holy state of matrimony according to the rites and ceremonies of your church, society or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,       |                        |   |                           |                                     |
| I, N. J. Watson, having certify that on the 12 <sup>th</sup> day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, 1888,<br>at New Castle, Samuel O. Mercer and Carrie Talbot,<br>were by me united in marriage in accordance with the license issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, numbered 4042. |                        |   |                           |                                     |
| Witnesse wherefore July 12 <sup>th</sup> 1888. Signed, N. J. Watson,<br>Attest: A. S. Love, Clerk. Minister of the Gospel   |                        |   |                           |                                     |

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A further newspaper search showed that a Samuel O. Mercer graduated from high school only one year before this marriage. He made a presentation at the commencement ceremony. He would have been twenty-two at that time, a rather mature high school student.

**Mt. Pleasant, O., HIGH SCHOOL.**  
 The commencement exercises of the Mt. Pleasant High school were held in the Friends' meeting house last evening. The diplomas were presented by Rev. B. J. Browne. The graduates were: Jessie Harbourt, Helen G. Theaker, E. G. Brown, Edith Tomlinson, A. T. Gill, Edith C. Scott, Margaret B. Hodge, Lucy S. Theaker, Helen McConehey, Olive M. Chambers, Charles S. Parlet, Margaret Gallagher, Mamie W. King, Samuel O. Mercer, Julius I. Mercer and Irene L. Buchanan.

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<sup>10</sup> Pennsylvania, U.S., Marriages, 1852-1968, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2016), <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61381/images/TH-1942-21134-969-78?pid=904004982>, (accessed 13 Jan 2022).

The programme was as follows: Salutatory, E. Garnett Browne; Selections, Familiar Music, Jesse Harbourt; Lafayette, Helen G. Theaker; A Monk's Vision, Edith Tomlinson; National Injustice, A. Tacy Gill; Life's Golden Ledger, Edith C. Scott; The Strength of Faith, Margaret B. Hoge; Self-Respect and Self-Control, Lucy S. Theaker; The Sicilian Captive, E. Garnett Browne; Individuality, Helen M. McConahay; The Littleness of Eminent Men, Olive M. Chambers; Decisive Integrity, Charles I. Parlett; The Monuments of Peace, Margaret Gallagher; First Impulses, Mamie M. King; The Americans' Mistake, Samuel O. Mercer; Behind the Curtain, Julius L. Mercer; The Power of a Name, Irene S. Buchanan; Valedictory, A. Tacy Gill; Presentation of Diplomas, Rev. B. J. Brown. Benediction.

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The newlyweds lived in Steubenville, Ohio, Samuel's hometown, for a short time before moving to New Castle, Pennsylvania. There, Carrie became involved in the social activities of the colored community. She became a member of the Paul Lawrence Dunbar Reading circle, and at their meeting on 27 Aug 1900, she made a presentation. A big surprise came for me when I found the newspaper account. The subject of the meeting was the career of my great-uncle, William Henry Stanton, a Pittsburgh lawyer, a brother of my grandfather, Joseph Stanton. The paths of a Talbot and a Stanton had crossed. It wouldn't happen again until my parents, Gladys V. Talbot and Kenneth J. Stanton, married in 1941.

P. L. D. CLUB.  
Monday night was a red letter day in the annals of the P. L. D. Reading circle. Miss Anna Oakes entertained the circle with their respective husbands and friends, making in all 52 guests. William H. Stanton, a rising young attorney of Pittsburg, was the subject of comment. The hostess introduced the subject in a highly commendable manner, she followed in turn by the majority of the speakers who had some favorable mention to make of his career. At the close of the remarks concerning Lawyer Stanton, Mrs. Samuel Mercer read a very entertaining paper entitled "An Ode to Club Women." Several of the guests rendered solos. Mrs. David Ward, one of the

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<sup>11</sup> *Newspapers.com*, Steubenville Herald Star, 12 Jun 1897, page 5, "Local Laconics: Mt. Pleasant, O., High School," <https://www.newspapers.com/image/65174738/?terms=%22Mercer%22&match=1>, (accessed 14 Jan 2022).

<sup>12</sup> *Newspapers.com*, Steubenville Herald Star, 15 Jun 1897, page 5, "'Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, High School Commencement, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1897,'" <https://www.newspapers.com/image/65174846/?terms=%22Mercer%22&match=1>, (accessed 14 Jan 2022).

<sup>13</sup> *Newspapers.com*, New Castle News, 29 Aug 1900, page 3, "Events in Society: P L D. Club," <https://www.newspapers.com/image/72454616/?terms=%22Samuel%20Mercer%22&match=1>, (accessed 14 Jan 2022).

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On 25 April 1901, Samuel and Caroline were guests at a huge party in Youngstown, Ohio.

Thursday night Abe Berry, of Youngstown, gave a swell party in Collins' hall, Youngstown. The party was attended by about 60 couples. Those in attendance from this city were: Miss Grace Thornton, Miss Jeannette Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mercer, Joseph Brown and C. P. Bradshaw.

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On Jul 1901, Carrie hosted the Paul Lawrence Dunbar Reading circle in her Mill Street home and read a paper intitled, "This Country, Our Only Home."

P. L. D. ENTERTAINED.  
The Paul Lawrence Dunbar Reading circle was delightfully entertained Monday evening at the residence of Mrs. Samuel Mercer of Mill street. The hostess read a fine paper entitled, "This Country, Our Only Home," which was received with great applause, after which a very interesting program was rendered as follows: Mrs. Robert Winn, a selection; Mrs. Dillard, a solo; Miss Emma Derry, recitation, and Mrs. McGraw, a recitation. The guest of honor was Mrs. Wells of Braddock, Pa., who showed great interest in the welfare of the circle. A splendid lunch was served during the evening and merry-making continued till a late hour and the guests departed well pleased with the evening's enjoyment. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Charley Harris of Highland avenue, Monday, August 12, 1901.

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On 6 Sep 1905, the New Castle Weekly Herald carried the story of the suicide of Caroline's sister-in-law, Elizabeth (**JORDAN**) Mercer, wife of Joseph L. Mercer. She had swallowed carbolic acid to end her life.

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<sup>14</sup> *Newspapers.com*, New Castle Weekly Herald, 1 May 1901, page 1, "Of a Social Nature," <https://www.newspapers.com/image/72472122/?terms=%22Samuel%20Mercer%22&match=1>, (accessed 15 Jan 2022).

<sup>15</sup> *Newspapers.com*, New Castle News, 31 Jul 1901, page 15, "Events in Society: P. L. D. Entertained," <https://www.newspapers.com/image/72454616/?terms=%22Samuel%20Mercer%22&match=1>, (accessed 14 Jan 2022).

## DRINKS CARBOLIC ACID BEFORE EYES OF FRANTIC HUSBAND

Jealous because of attentions she believed were paid by her husband to her unmarried sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Mercer of this city, swallowed carbolic acid Sunday afternoon, which caused death soon after. The terrible deed was committed at the Mercer home, 50 1/2 South Croton avenue, just after a bitter quarrel between the woman and her husband, Joseph L. Mercer.

The man saw the frenzied act of his wife and in trying to draw the bottle of acid from her lips spilled its contents and was burned himself, though not seriously. The sister over whom the quarrel arose is Flora Jordan, a comely colored girl about 20 years old.

The suicide was 30 years old and a native of Steubenville, where her mother, two sisters and three brothers reside. One brother and the sister Flora, live in New Castle. The dead woman leaves three little children, Alonzo, Sarah and Winifred. The body of Mrs. Mercer was shipped by Lutton's to Steubenville Monday morning for burial.

The case reported to the city authorities but no inquest will be held as it was a clear case of suicide. Quarrels between the dead woman and her husband are said to have been of frequent occurrence.

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Apparently, this provided the recipe for Carrie's own suicide, two years later, at age thirty-three. The reason for Caroline's suicide is merely speculated in the article. It is known that her brother-in-law, Joseph, and her husband, Samuel, were running a gambling den above his barber shop. This may have been a stressor on their married life.

## THIRD EFFORT TO END LIFE IS SUCCESSFUL

MRS. CARRIE MERCER WHO  
SWALLOWED LAUDANUM  
WITH SUICIDAL INTENT,  
IS DEAD

The last attempt of Mrs. Carrie Mercer, wife of Mr. S. O. Mercer of South

Mill street, to end her life proved successful and about nine o'clock last evening, less than 24 hours after she took the fatal dose of opium, she breathed her last. Her death occurred at the Shenango Valley hospital where she was hurried when the discovery was made that she had swallowed the poison.

It is stated by one of the physicians called to attend her that she had twice previously attempted suicide, but on each occasion prompt discovery had prevented her carrying out her resolve. A year ago, it is said, she tried to end her life and only about two weeks have elapsed since her second attempt at self destruction.

Her domestic life, it is said, was not of the happiest and jealousy is thought to have led her to the rash deed. Coroner Cox will conduct an inquest into the death at Lutton's undertaking rooms this evening.

The dead woman lacked a few months of being 33 years of age. She was born in Hamilton, Canada, and had been a resident of New Castle eight years. She had no children. Her father Lorenzo Talbot, is a resident of Jamestown, N. Y. The body will be taken to Steubenville tomorrow, the former home of the dead woman and her husband, for burial.

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After Carrie's death on 7 Jul 1907, Samuel went to Chicago to study dentistry. This was reported in the *New Castle News* on 2 Dec 1907, in an article concerning his brother, Joseph Mercer, being charged with running an illegal gambling room above the barber shop he had shared with Samuel.

<sup>16</sup> Newspapers.com, New Castle Weekly Herald, 6 Sep 1905, page 7, "Drinks Carbolic Acid Before Eyes of Frantic Husband,"  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/76747472/?terms=%22Joseph%20Mercer%22&match=1>, (accessed 15 Jan 2022).

<sup>17</sup> Newspapers.com, New Castle Herald, 21 Sep 1907, page 1, "third Effort to End Life is Successful,"  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/96841932/?terms=%22Carrie%20Mercer%22&match=1>, (accessed 15 Jan 2022).

# GAMBLERS ARE CAUGHT IN ACT BY DETECTIVE

Eight Men Surprised While Enjoying Little Sunday Afternoon Game of Buck the Tiger.

MERCER'S HOUSE HAD BEEN RUNNING LONG

City Administration's Belief That Mercer Controlled Larger Portion of Certain Class of Colored Voters, Said to Have Saved Proprietors.

County Detective Creighton Logan and two deputies Sunday afternoon raided Mercer's colored gambling room on South Mill street, corner of White street, that has been in undisturbed operation throughout the administration of Mayor Hainer. City hall tradition has it that about a year ago a raid of the Mercer gambling house was planned and the police were in waiting in their several places surrounding the house and were ready for the signal to make the rush and break

down the doors, but instead they got an order to withdraw, which they did.

Yesterday, however, the raid was made entirely by county officials and deputies without the knowledge of the police department, therofore without interference.

Joseph L. Mercer and Walter White are today charged jointly with being proprietors of the house and the game. Before Alderman Ranney yesterday afternoon they pleaded not guilty to the charge of keeping a gambling room and will get a hearing Wednesday evening.

At the alderman's office some person expressed surprise that Joe Mercer and not his brother Sam was caught in charge of the place.

"My brother Sam left New Castle during August," said Joe, "and went to Chicago where he is taking a course in dentistry. He could not easily dispose of his barbershop and his rooming house at the corner of Mill and White streets, so he left it in my care. He recommended that I permit Walter White to continue the club that rents two of the upstairs rooms. It was this club that was raided."

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Caroline's death notice [below] clearly shows that whoever provided the information knew only some of the details of her family relationships. The obituary acknowledges that her mother was deceased, and that her father was still alive. The author was unaware that Lorenzo had died on 2 Jun 1907, just a month before Carrie.

## DRANK LAUDANUM; DIED AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Samuel O. Mercer of South Mill street, who in a fit of despondency, drank a quantity of laudanum at her home Tuesday night, died Wednesday evening at 8:45 o'clock, at the Shenango Valley hospital, where she was taken immediately after the attempt at suicide. This was the second or third attempt that

Mrs. Mercer had made to end her life, due, it is thought, to ill health. She was 33 years of age, and is survived by her husband.

Mrs. Mercer's sister-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Mercer, died by her own hand about a year ago. She resided at the time on Croton avenue.

Five brothers and five sisters are also living. These are Arthur, Simon, James, John and George Talbot, Mrs. Minnie Yates, Mrs. Sadie Logan, Mrs. Elida Dillard, Mrs. Althea Titus, and Mrs. Jeunie Roberts.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Talbot, the former of whom survives.

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<sup>18</sup> Newspapers.com, New Castle News, 2 Dec 1907, page 1, "Gamblers are Caught in Act by Detective," <https://www.newspapers.com/image/72628996/?terms=%22Joseph%20Mercer%22&match=1>, (accessed 15 Jan 2022).

It is interesting that the informant, who provided data for Caroline's death registration, was her brother-in-law, Joseph L. Mercer, not her husband, Samuel. But that is not the most remarkable item recorded there. Carrie's death certificate provides the first "record" of the maiden name of Lorenzo Talbot's wife, Martha Frances.

See Chapter 3: Martha Frances Who?

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<sup>19</sup> *Newspapers.com*, New Castle News, 27 Feb 1907, page 6, "Drank Laudanum; Died at Hospital," <https://www.newspapers.com/image/72627960/?terms=%22Samuel%20Mercer%22&match=1>, (accessed 15 Jan 2022).

## Chapter 2: John Henry 1869 - )?

Lorenzo Talbot and Martha Frances Moore had the following children:

- (i) Willard Alexander (1851),
- (ii) Altha Ann (1852),
- (iii) Simon Andrew (1856),
- (iv) Martha Jane (1857),
- (v) James Wesley (1859),
- (vi) Arthur (1860),
- (vii) Alista Almenia (1862),
- (viii) Emily (1864),
- (ix) George Allen (1865),
- (x) Mary (1866),
- (xi) John Henry (1869),**
- (xii) Frances (1871),
- (xiii) Sarah M. (1872),
- (xiv) Caroline (1874),
- (xv) Frances Alida (1877).

In Volume 1, **Chapter 11: Lorenzo Talbot (1828 - 1907)** I wrote the following shaded section. I am repeating it here, below, to save you having to look it up. The new information, that I have since found for John Henry, follows on page 25.

(xi) John Henry Talbot (1869 - ?):

(Lorenzo Talbot, Unknown Brewster)



John Henry, Frances 1, and Mary  
Tintype from the album of  
Bertha (**TALBOT**) Lucas,  
courtesy of  
Alma Lucas Carter Churchill

There are few records of John Henry Talbot, yet remarkably there might be a photo of him, as shown above. Based on this image (and another taken at the same studio on the same day, which helped give an approximate year of the sitting, about 1872) and the age spread of the children shown, it is my best guess that the children depicted are as I have labelled them. John Henry would have been about three, Frances, one, and Mary, six.

John Henry first appeared in the 1871 census for the Town of Paris, Ontario, as a two year old, putting his approximate date of birth as 1869.<sup>1</sup> In 1881, when he

<sup>1</sup> 1871 Canadian Census, Paris, Brant North, Ontario, Roll: C-9916; Page: 4; Family No: 16, ancestry.com, 2009, [http://interactive.ancestry.com/1578/4396291\\_00250/1197409?backurl=http://person.ancestry.com/tree/71322150/person/30234302381/facts/citation/161852686364/edit/record](http://interactive.ancestry.com/1578/4396291_00250/1197409?backurl=http://person.ancestry.com/tree/71322150/person/30234302381/facts/citation/161852686364/edit/record), (accessed 13 Sep 2016).

would have been twelve, John Henry was missing from his father's family census listing at Strathroy, Ontario.<sup>2</sup> Where could he have been? He was not with his sister Mary, three years older, who was with their eldest brother Willard in Dresden.<sup>3</sup> At twelve, he was old enough to have been apprenticed somewhere. An older brother, George Allen (16) was also unaccounted for in the 1881 Canadian Census. George immigrated to the U.S. in 1888, according to his report in the 1900 U.S. Census.<sup>4</sup>

The next time I found a record for John Henry was in 1896, when he was already twenty-seven. He appeared in the Voters List for Los Angeles, Precinct 46, Ward 6. At that time his uncle, Benjamin Franklin Talbot (51), youngest brother of his father, Lorenzo, was also in Los Angeles, Precinct 55, Ward 7. In the Voters List, John Henry was described as a laborer, age twenty-nine, colored, 5' 6½" tall, with black hair and black eyes, having no visible marks or scars, born in Canada, living on Lena between Harriette and Minerva. He registered to vote on 6 Jun 1896 and was able to read and write. He said he was a U.S. citizen because of the citizenship of his father, Lorenzo, who was born in the U.S. in 1828.<sup>5</sup>



Signature on his  
Declaration of Intent  
1900

John was not telling the whole truth, because on 3 Jul 1900, in a Los Angeles court, he filed a Declaration of Intent for Naturalization as a U.S. citizen, renouncing allegiance to Queen Victoria; he had crossed at Niagara Falls to Buffalo, NY, before coming to California.<sup>6</sup> On 29 Jul 1902, he was back in Canada before making his settlement in California permanent. He stopped in Hamilton to visit his brother Arthur and to sign Elizabeth's autograph book. Back in Los Angeles, he followed through and on 13 Aug 1902 he completed the Naturalization process, renouncing allegiance to "Edward VII, King of Great Britain."<sup>7</sup>

<sup>2</sup> 1881 Canadian Census, Strathroy, Op. cit.

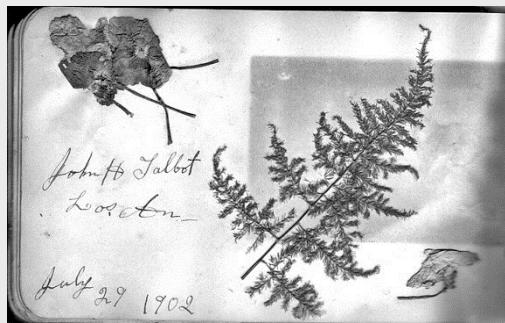
<sup>3</sup> 1881 Canadian Census, Dresden, Bothwell, Ontario, Op. cit.

<sup>4</sup> 1900 United States Federal Census, Grand Rapids Ward 9, Kent, Michigan; Roll: 723; Page: 9A; Enumeration District: 0078; FHL microfilm: 1240723, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2004, [https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7602/4120235\\_00017/24952356?backurl=https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71322150/person/30234302404/facts/citation/161852686574/edit/record](https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7602/4120235_00017/24952356?backurl=https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71322150/person/30234302404/facts/citation/161852686574/edit/record), (accessed 13 Mar 2019).

<sup>5</sup> California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898, Los Angeles, California, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/2221/32421\\_227320-00300/5521868?backurl=https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71322150/person/30234302402/facts/citation/161852686527/edit/record](https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/2221/32421_227320-00300/5521868?backurl=https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71322150/person/30234302402/facts/citation/161852686527/edit/record), (accessed 15 Mar 2019).

<sup>6</sup> U.S., Naturalization Records, 1840-1957, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010, [https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/1193/30627\\_132726-00204/4045126?backurl=https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71322150/person/30234302402/facts/citation/161852686526/edit/record](https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/1193/30627_132726-00204/4045126?backurl=https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71322150/person/30234302402/facts/citation/161852686526/edit/record), (accessed 15 Mar 2019).

<sup>7</sup> U.S., Naturalization Records, 1840-1957, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010, [https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/1193/30627\\_132721-00856/4043808?backurl=https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71322150/person/30234302402/facts/citation/161852686528/edit/record](https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/1193/30627_132721-00856/4043808?backurl=https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71322150/person/30234302402/facts/citation/161852686528/edit/record), 25 Jun 2019).



From the Arthur L Talbot collection,  
courtesy of Brian Narhi,  
historian, St. Catharines, Ontario

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In 1932, John Henry was named in the obituary of his uncle, Simon Andrew Talbot, as one of three surviving brothers, “John of California,” along with Willard of Cleveland, and Arthur of Hamilton, Ontario. Simon had five sibling brothers originally, but James Wesley had died in 1903, and George Allen in 1928.

I hope, as more records are available online, we can learn whether he married, had children, and when and where he died and was buried.

In the California Death Index, there was a John H. Talbot who died on 2 Dec 1936 in Los Angeles, age sixty-three, but there is not enough information to make a certain identification.<sup>9</sup>

#### (xiv) John Henry Talbot (1869 - 1943)

(Lorenzo Talbot, Unknown Brewster)

In my original work, looking through the *ancestry.com* records for John Henry Talbot had been frustrating. John is a common name. There were several John Talbots in California records. More than one of them had been born in Canada. It was impossible to know which records belonged to our John Talbot, son of Lorenzo.

In October 2021, my search on *newspapers.com* for John Henry Talbot (1869 - ?) in California turned up many listings. One of them was an obituary. Among the names of surviving relatives, was a name that made my cry, “Eureka!” That name was “Mrs. Frances A. Dallard,” a sister of the deceased. Frances Alida was the name of Lorenzo’s youngest child. She had married Noah Dallard. This John H. Talbot, therefore, was my elusive John Henry, son of Lorenzo Talbot.

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<sup>8</sup> This is a page from the autograph book of Elizabeth (**PARKER**) Talbot, wife of Arthur Talbot of Hamilton, ON, and sister-in-law of John Henry Talbot. That John Henry signed her book suggests that either John visited her in Hamilton, or she visited him in Los Angeles (He wrote “Los An-” on the page).

<sup>9</sup> *California, Death Index, 1905-1939*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2013,  
[https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/5187/41547\\_B138961-00400/1082559?backurl=](https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/5187/41547_B138961-00400/1082559?backurl=)  
<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71322150/person/30234302402/facts/citation/700171394520/edit/record>, (accessed 25 Jun 2019).

**JOHN H. TALBOT**

Final rites for John H. Talbot, 79, a native of Hamilton, Can., will be conducted Saturday at 3:30 P.M. in the W. F. Gormley & Sons Chapel. The interment will be in the Masonic Lawn Cemetery.

Talbot resided at Route 8, Box 1651, Sutterville Tract. He died in a local hospital yesterday. He lived in the United States for 32 years and had been here for 14 years.

Talbot was the husband of Bertha A. Talbot, father of Corporals John H. and James W. and Private Elmo L. Talbot, all of the United States Army. William B. and Oliver H. Talbot of Richmond. Mrs. Bertha A. Jordan, Mrs. Aileen F. Franklin of Vallejo, Solano County; Mrs. Burnette D. Smit of Reno, Nev., and Mrs. Helen D. Lewis of Oakland, brother of Mrs. Frances A. Dallard. He also leaves eight grandchildren.

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The obituary named his wife and nine children, giving their locations, and in the case of his daughters, their given and married names. What a wealth of information! If his sister Frances Alida hadn't been mentioned, I wouldn't have known it was him. I would have been merely suspicious, since he was said to have been "a native of Hamilton, Can[ada]."

I have not found anything that disproves what I previously wrote about John Henry, garnered from the 1871 and 1881 censuses. [See above]

John Henry left Hamilton in January 1887 and crossed from Niagara Falls, Ontario, into the United States at Buffalo, NY. He stated this in his Declaration of Intention to become a U.S. citizen, made in Los Angeles on 3 Jul 1900.

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<sup>10</sup> Newspapers.com, The Sacramento Bee, 8 Dec 1943, page 20,  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/623708039/?terms=%22John%20Talbot%22&match=1>,  
(accessed 4 Jan 2022).

# Declaration of Intention.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

State of California, } ss  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. }

Be it Known, That on the 3d day of July A.D. 1900, personally appeared in the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, before the Clerk thereof John Henry Talbot an alien, and reports himself for Naturalization, and being duly sworn, on oath declares that he is a native of Canada aged 37 years, and owns allegiance to Victoria, Queen of Great Britain that he emigrated thence, embarked at Niagara Falls and arrived at Buffalo in the United States, on the — day of January 1867 and that it is Bona Fide his intention to reside in and become a Citizen of the United States, and to renounce all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Prince, Potentate or Sovereignty whatever and particularly to Victoria, Queen of Great Britain.

John H. Talbot

Subscribed and Sworn to before me, this 1st day of July 1900

In Testimony Whereof, I, C M Bell, Clerk of said Superior Court, hereunto set my hand and official seal, this 1st day of July 1900.

C M Bell Clerk.

Deputy.



10 CENT U. S. STAMP  
CANCELLED

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He had probably chosen California as his destination because his uncle, John Talbot, son of Zebedee, had paved the way for the Talbots by coming out soon after the railroad, connecting California to the mid-western United States, had been completed in 1869. Uncle John was recorded in the 1870 census living in Elkhorn, Joaquin County, CA.<sup>11</sup>

John Henry's emigration may have triggered another of his uncles, Benjamin Franklin Talbot, to follow him to California. On 27 Mar 1887, Benjamin arrived in Los Angeles, by train from St. Louis through Sacramento, and checked into the Grand Central Hotel.

<sup>11</sup> California, Federal Naturalization Records, 1843-1999, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA); Washington, D.C.; NAI Number: 4; Record Group Title: M1614; Record Group Number: Naturalization Records in the Superior Court of Los Angeles, California, 1876-1915, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1193/images/30627\\_132726-00204?pid=4045126](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1193/images/30627_132726-00204?pid=4045126), (accessed 25 Jan 2022).

<sup>12</sup> 1870 United States Federal Census, Elkhorn, San Joaquin, California, Roll: M593\_86; Page: 64B; Image: 132; Family History Library Film: 545585, Ancestry.com, 2003, [http://interactive.ancestry.com/7163/4259432\\_00132/13687683?backurl=http://person.ancestry.com/tree/71322150/person/30234302378/facts/citation/161852686256/edit/record](http://interactive.ancestry.com/7163/4259432_00132/13687683?backurl=http://person.ancestry.com/tree/71322150/person/30234302378/facts/citation/161852686256/edit/record), (accessed 23 Nov 2016).

## HOTEL ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

**GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL**—T A Hoorn and wife, J H Chamberlain, Fred Weberg, S Jones, B F Talbot, F Weer, St Louis, Mo; J H Griffins, Ohio; Ben Turner, Missouri; H M Williams and family, W D Hough, Mulberry Grove, Kan; Jane James, Wm T Roberts, David Jones, Iowa; M Shourton and wife, Chicago; R S Trudlands, Denver, Col; John Slunner, Kansas; A W Syplid, La Bologna; W J Marsh, Marsh Land, Nev; J N Kucher, H Harrington, Texas; J C Guff Chas Picle, Pasadena.

Image from the  
Los Angeles  
Herald,  
28 Mar 1887

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. . . [John Henry] appeared in the (1896) Voters List for Los Angeles, Precinct 46, Ward 6. At that time his uncle, Benjamin Franklin Talbot (51), youngest brother of his father Lorenzo, was also in Los Angeles, Precinct 55, Ward 7.<sup>14</sup> In the Voters List, John Henry was described as a laborer, age twenty-nine, colored, 5' 6½" tall, with black hair and black eyes, having no visible marks or scars, born in Canada, living on Lena between Harriette and Minerva. He registered to vote on 6 Jun 1896 and was able to read and write. He said he was a U.S. citizen because of the citizenship of his father, Lorenzo, who was born in the U.S. in 1828. [quoted from page 22]

| Los Angeles Precinct No. 46, Ward 6. |                    |            |        |            |               |               |   |                     |                               |                             |                      |                    |                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|--------|------------|---------------|---------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| No.                                  | Name               | Occupation | Height | Complexion | Color of Eyes | Color of Hair | Visible Marks and Scars, If any, and their Loc. No. | Country of Nativity | Residence                     | Naturalized                 | Date of Registration | Postoffice Address | Able to read<br>and write<br>English | Able<br>Physically<br>to mark<br>Ballot<br>Name |
| 274                                  | Talbot, John Henry | Laborer    | 295    | 64 Colored | Black         | Black         |   | Canada              | Lena, bet Harriette & Minerva | By naturalization of father | June 1896            | 6206 E 2d          | Yes                                  | Yes   |

John Henry's data line  
is enlarged below

| Number                        | Name               | Occupation                  | Height             | Complexion                           | Color of Eyes                                   | Color of Hair        | Visible Marks and Scars, If any, and their Loc. No. | Country of Nativity |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------|---|---------------------|
| 274                           | Talbot, John Henry | Laborer                     | 295                | 64 Colored                           | Black   | Black                |   | Canada              |
|                               |                    |                             |                    |                                      |   |                      |   |                     |
| RESIDENCE                     | NATURALIZED        | Date of Registration        | Postoffice Address | Able to read<br>and write<br>English | Able<br>Physically<br>to mark<br>Ballot<br>Name | Nature of Disability |   |                     |
| No. Street                    | Rm. Fl.            | Date                        | Place              |                                      |   |                      |   |                     |
| Lena, bet Harriette & Minerva |                    | By naturalization of father | June 1896          | 6206 E 2d                            | Yes   | Yes                  |   |                     |

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<sup>13</sup> California Digital Newspaper Collection, “Hotel Arrivals Yesterday”, Los Angeles Herald, Volume 26, Number 157, 28 Mar 1887, <http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc?a=d&d=LAH18870328.2.44&srpos=45&e=----188-en--20--41--txt-txIN-talbot---1887--#>, (accessed 21 Mar 2015).

<sup>14</sup> California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898, California State Library, California History Section; Great Registers, 1866-1898; Collection Number: 4 - 2A; CSL Roll Number: 22; FHL Roll Number: 976931, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2221/images/32421\\_227321-00073?pid=5454727](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2221/images/32421_227321-00073?pid=5454727), (accessed 30 Jan 2022).

<sup>15</sup> California, Voter Registers, 1866-1898, Los Angeles, California, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/2221/32421\\_227320-00300/5521868?backurl=https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71322150/person/30234302402/facts/citation/161852686527/edit/record](https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/2221/32421_227320-00300/5521868?backurl=https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71322150/person/30234302402/facts/citation/161852686527/edit/record), (accessed 15 Mar 2019).

According to the data provided to the 1930 U.S. Census, John Henry Talbot (32) married Bertha (23) in 1898.<sup>16</sup> They may not have told the truth, because the only marriage record I found for them stated that J H Talbot married Bertha Stewart in 1917 in Sacramento, California.<sup>17</sup> Perhaps they felt embarrassed to report a 1917 marriage because seven of their children had been born before 1917.<sup>18</sup>

There is no record of John Henry Talbot in the 1900 U.S. Census. This is not surprising because in the 1920 census, they reported that their oldest child, Burnette, had been born in Canada in 1905. Also born in Canada were Bertha in 1905, John Henry Jr. in 1907, and William in 1910.<sup>19</sup> That would also explain why the family was not reported in the 1910 U.S. Census. In the 1930 U.S. Census, they reported that they had immigrated to the U.S. in 1911.<sup>20</sup> This agrees with son, Oliver Harold, having been born in Sacramento in November 1911, which is what he said when he registered for the WWII draft.<sup>21</sup> Additionally, when John Henry Jr. registered for the WWII draft in 1940, he gave his birthplace as “Victoria, [British Columbia] Canada.”

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| SERIAL NUMBER<br>2479  | 1. NAME (Print)<br>JOHN HENRY TALBOT, JR.  | ORDER NUMBER<br>407 407   |
| 2. ADDRESS (Print)<br>Rt. one Box 1651 SACRAMENTO SACRAMENTO CALIF.  | (Street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)  |   |
| 3. TELEPHONE<br>none   | 4. AGE IN YEARS<br>32  | 5. PLACE OF BIRTH<br>Victoria<br>(City or county)<br>Canada<br>(State or country) |
| 6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP<br>U.S.A.  | 7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS<br>John Henry Talbot, Sr.<br>(Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)                             |   |
| 8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON<br>Father   | 9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON<br>Rt. one Box 1651 Sacramento Sacramento Calif.<br>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)           |   |
| 10. EMPLOYER'S NAME<br>Self.   | 11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS<br>Rt. one Box 1651 Sacramento Sacramento Calif.<br>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State) |   |
| I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE,<br><br>REGISTRATION CARD<br>D. S. S. FORM 1<br>(over) 16-17105<br>John Henry Talbot, Jr.<br>(Registration signature) |  |   |

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<sup>16</sup> 1920 United States Federal Census, Sacramento Assembly District 15, Sacramento, California, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6061/images/4293832\\_01135?plId=3013779](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6061/images/4293832_01135?plId=3013779), (accessed 25 Jan 2022).

<sup>17</sup> California, County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1849-1980, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2017, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61460/images/47732\\_B354091-01719?plId=1160493](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61460/images/47732_B354091-01719?plId=1160493), (accessed 30 Jan 2022).

<sup>18</sup> 1920 United States Federal Census, Sacramento Assembly District 15, Sacramento, California, Op. cit.

<sup>19</sup> Ibid.

<sup>20</sup> 1930 United States Federal Census, San Joaquin, Sacramento, California; Page: 10B; Enumeration District: 0100; FHL microfilm: 2339920, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2002, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6224/images/4531841\\_00479?plId=91776252](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6224/images/4531841_00479?plId=91776252), (accessed 24 Jan 2022)

<sup>21</sup> U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947, National Archives at St. Louis; St. Louis, Missouri; WWII Draft Registration Cards for California, 10/16/1940-03/31/1947; Record Group: Records of the Selective Service System, 147; Box: 1774, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995\\_07\\_00032-01712?plId=18542666](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995_07_00032-01712?plId=18542666), (accessed 30 Jan 2022).

<sup>22</sup> U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947, National Archives at St. Louis; St. Louis, Missouri; WWII Draft Registration Cards for California, 10/16/1940-03/31/1947; Record Group: Records of the Selective

So apparently, John Henry had emigrated from Canada to California, then had gone to British Columbia, then returned to California. Unfortunately, there are few records on *ancestry.com* for British Columbia. An online search for Victoria, BC, city directories yielded two records for a John Henry Talbot, working aboard a coal barge docked there, but there was no evidence to support that this was our John Henry. In the 1904 directory, there was listed a “Talbot, John Henry, marine engineer, SS. ‘Baroda’”<sup>23</sup> In the 1905 directory, I found “Talbot, John Henry, marine engineer, lva [living at] 33 Chatham.”<sup>24</sup> I cross-referenced the address by street to reveal “Chatham: 33 Cabins, Labelle, Peter,” suggesting this John Henry Talbot was living in one of Peter Labelle’s [rented] cabins.<sup>25</sup> However, there was no Peter Labelle listed by name in that same directory.<sup>26</sup>

The 1920 U.S. Census found John Henry (50) living in a rented house at 1617 24<sup>th</sup> street, in precinct 32 in the city of Sacramento, California. With him were his wife, Bertha (35), and children: Burnette (15), Bertha (13), John [Henry Jr.] (12), Bill [Albert William] (10), “Alli” [Oliver Harold] (8), “Aline” [Aileen] (6), Helen (4 yr 3 mon), and James (2 yr 2 mon). John Sr. was recorded as born in Canada, and had become a naturalized citizen in 1900, as had Burnette, Bertha, John Jr. and Albert William. John Sr.’s wife, Bertha, was born in California, as were the younger children: Alli, Aileen, Helen, and James. All the children were in school except the two youngest. John Sr. gave his occupation as a self-employed “plumber.”<sup>27</sup>

In the 1930 U.S. Census, taken on 23 Apr 1930 in San Joaquin township, Sacramento county, John Henry (64), Bertha (58), John Jr. (22), Helen (15), James (11), and Elmer [Elmo Lincoln] (9) were living on 24<sup>th</sup> street in their owned home, valued at \$1,000. No house number was recorded. The Talbots reported that John’s occupation was “building” “painter.” Like his father, John Jr. was said to have been born in French Canada and was a building painter. The other children were all born in California and were attending school. The Talbots said that John Henry Sr. was a naturalized citizen, born in “French Canada,” was French and English speaking, and had immigrated to the U.S. in 1877. Bertha had been born in California. Everyone in the family was recorded as “W[hite].”

They reported that John Henry (64) had been married at age 32. That puts the year of his marriage at 1930-(64-32) = 1898. His wife, Bertha (58), gave her age at marriage as 23. That puts her year of first marriage at 1930-(58-23) = 1895. Either she was married to someone else before John Henry or the data they provided was incorrect.<sup>28</sup>

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Service System, 147; Box: 1774, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011,  
[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995\\_07\\_00032-01660?pid=18542640](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995_07_00032-01660?pid=18542640),  
(accessed 30 Jan 2022).

<sup>23</sup> *Henderson’s BC Gazetteer and Directory*, 1904, page 1147,  
[https://bccd.vpl.ca/index.php/browse/title/1904/Henderson%27s\\_BC\\_Gazetteer\\_and\\_Directory](https://bccd.vpl.ca/index.php/browse/title/1904/Henderson%27s_BC_Gazetteer_and_Directory),  
(accessed 8 Feb 2022).

<sup>24</sup> *Henderson’s City of Victoria and Suburban Directory*, 1905-1906, page 262,  
[https://bccd.vpl.ca/index.php/browse/title/1905/City\\_of\\_Victoria\\_and\\_Suburban\\_Directory](https://bccd.vpl.ca/index.php/browse/title/1905/City_of_Victoria_and_Suburban_Directory),  
(accessed 8 Feb 2022).

<sup>25</sup> Ibid, page 40

<sup>26</sup> Ibid, page 193

<sup>27</sup> 1920 United States Federal Census, Sacramento Assembly District 15, Sacramento, California,  
Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010,  
[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6061/images/4293832\\_01135?pid=3013779](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6061/images/4293832_01135?pid=3013779),  
(accessed 25 Jan 2022).

<sup>28</sup> 1930 United States Federal Census, San Joaquin, Sacramento, California; Op. cit.

John Henry Talbot died on 7 Dec 1943 in Sacramento, California.<sup>29</sup> Whoever provided data for the newspaper obit and California death index, thought he had been born on 20 May 1864, but clearly the 1871 Canadian Census shows he was then only two years old, putting his birth date in 1869.<sup>30</sup> The death index informant probably knew that he celebrated his birthday on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May, so he may have been born on that date in 1869.

John Henry Talbot and Bertha A. Stewart had the following children:

1. (i) Burnette (1905),
2. (ii) Bertha A. (1906),
3. (iii) John Henry (1907),
4. (iv) Albert William. (1909),
5. (v) Oliver Harold (1911),
6. (vi) Aileen Fern (1913),
7. (vii) Helen Dorothy (1915),
8. (viii) James Wesley (1917),
9. (ix) Elmo Lincoln (1921).

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<sup>29</sup> *California, Death Index, 1940-1997*, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2000,  
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/7220917:5180?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=30234302402>,  
(accessed 8 Jan 2022).

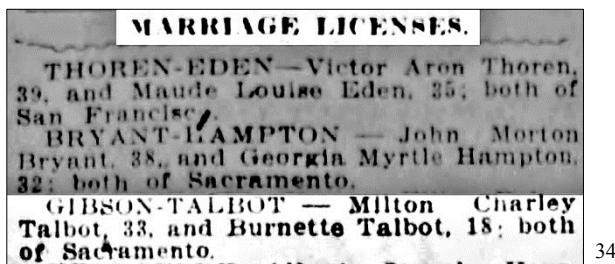
<sup>30</sup> *1871 Canadian Census, Paris, Brant North, Ontario*, Op. cit.

## **1. (i) Burnette Talbot (1905 -):**

(John Henry, Lorenzo Talbot, Unknown Brewster)

The first record I found for Burnette was the 1920 U.S. Census.<sup>31</sup> It gave her age as fifteen, putting her date and place of birth at about 1905 in Canada. Since her father gave the year of his [2<sup>nd</sup>] immigration as 1900, that immigration date would apply to Burnette and her Canadian-born siblings. The entire family was listed as “white.” The 1870 U.S. Census had recorded Burnette’s parents as “white,” and in the 1880 census they had been listed as “mulatto.”<sup>32</sup>

In 1924, at about age nineteen, Burnette married M. C. Gibson in Sacramento County, CA.<sup>33</sup>



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The Index to Supplement of the Great Register of the 1912 Voter Registrations list recorded his full name: Milton Campbell Gibson.<sup>35</sup>

In the 1930 U.S. Census, they were recorded living together in Guinda, Yolo county, California, in a rented home. Milton (39) was listed as a self-employed “trapper” of “animal furs,” a WWI veteran. With him was Burnette (24), housewife.<sup>36</sup> In the 1934 Voter

<sup>31</sup> 1920 United States Federal Census, Sacramento Assembly District 15, Sacramento, California, Op. cit.

<sup>32</sup> 1870 United States Federal Census, Brooklyn, Alameda, California, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7163/images/4259298\\_00071?pid=12171784](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7163/images/4259298_00071?pid=12171784), (accessed 12 Feb 2022).

<sup>33</sup> 1880 United States Federal Census, Eureka, Humboldt, California; Roll: 66; Page: 381D; Enumeration District: 033, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2010, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6742/images/4239978-00066?pid=20388808>, (accessed 12 Feb 2022).

<sup>34</sup> California, County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1849-1980, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2017, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61460/images/47732\\_B354091-00626?ssrc=pt&treetid=71322150&personid=202323442113&hintid=&usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true&pid=901124670](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61460/images/47732_B354091-00626?ssrc=pt&treetid=71322150&personid=202323442113&hintid=&usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true&pid=901124670), (accessed 12 Feb 2022).

<sup>35</sup> Newspapers.com, The Sacramento Bee, 17 Mar 1924, page 5, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/616764573/?terms=%22Burnette%20Talbot%22&match=1>, (accessed 13 Feb 2022).

<sup>36</sup> California, Voter Registrations, 1900-1968, Colusa County, California, 1912, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2017, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/69509011:61066>, (accessed 12 Feb 2022).

<sup>36</sup> 1930 United States Federal Census, Guinda, Yolo, California; Page: 3B; Enumeration District: 0010; FHL microfilm: 2339960, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2002, [https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/93582328:6224?\\_phsrc=tLZ25917&\\_phstart=successSource&gsfn=Milton+Campbell&gsln=Gibson&ssrc=pt\\_t71322150\\_p202348267779](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/93582328:6224?_phsrc=tLZ25917&_phstart=successSource&gsfn=Milton+Campbell&gsln=Gibson&ssrc=pt_t71322150_p202348267779), (accessed 12 Feb 2022).

Registrations, Milton C. Gibson, laborer, and Burnette, housewife, were recorded in the Butte Creek Precinct, Colusa County, CA.<sup>37</sup>

On 22 Jan 1935, two notices appeared in the *Nevada State Journal*:

- i. That a suit for divorce had been filed by Burnette Gibson against Milton C. Gibson, and
- ii. That a marriage licence had been issued to "Paul DeSmit, 34, Colusa, and Burnette Gibson, 29, Reno."

| In District Court<br>DIVORCE SUITS FILED   | MARRIAGE LICENSES  |
|--|--|
| Oscar Barton vs. Anna Barton; Lee T. Shannon vs. Juanita E. Shannon; George E. Wolf vs. Genevieve Wolf; Heloise Minor Halsey Manning vs. Clarence Augustus Manning; Lola Flynn vs. John Alvin Flynn, Los Angeles; Burnette Gibson vs. Milton C. Gibson; Clyde L. Pier vs. Helen A. Pier. | E. Harold Raphael, 23, and Willette Brenner, 19, both San Francisco; Conrad R. Stier, 26, and Treasure Utecht, 19, both Red Bluff; William A. Sked, 28, San Francisco, and Esther Elgobett, 21, Sacramento; Richard A. Ramirez, 39, and Theresa Rivers, 33, both Antioch; Pomilio Paolini and Laura M. Blesio, both Point Richmond. Lawrence T. Pugh, 28, Oakland, and Julia B. Kish, 25, New York; Leonard Nunes, 24, Centerville, and Geraldine Harlan, 24, Irvington; Burr Brown, 28, and Van Drew, 26, both Salt Lake City; Curtis Golden and Marie Bohn, both Placerville. Leo Allen Kenney, 38, and Grace Lewis, 35, both Alameda; William Halliday McCowan, 21, Long Beach, and Lola Louise Flynn, 19, Reno; Stewart B. Tapley, 25, and Nora Sullivan, 25, both San Francisco; Paul DeSmit, 54, Colusa, and Burnette Gibson, 29, Reno; William Joseph Blake, 35, and Aletha Brown, 26, both San Francisco; James F. Barre, 28, and Helene M. Thompson, 23, both Reno. |

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An announcement in *The Sacramento Bee* showed that the divorce had been granted.

| DIVORCES.   |
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| <b>BROOKS</b> —In Yuba City, Sutter County, January 22, 1935, Ora Lee Brooks against R. P. Brooks; suit filed; ground, extreme cruelty.                               |
| <b>CARVER</b> —In Reno, Nev., January 21, 1935, Mrs. Olive Carver of Reno against Ami Eli Carver of Susanville, Calif.; suit filed; ground, cruelty.                  |
| <b>ECKART</b> —In Woodland, Yolo County, January 21, 1935, Mrs. Mayken Eckart against William A. Eckart; interlocutory decree granted; ground, cruelty.               |
| <b>GIBSON</b> —In Reno, Nev., January 21, 1935, Mrs. Burnette Gibson of Reno against Milton C. Gibson of Colusa, Calif.; suit filed; ground, cruelty; decree granted. |

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Paul's personal story is interesting. Born 30 Jun 1880, at age two he emigrated from the Netherlands to the U.S. with his parents and four siblings, in the steerage of the ship

<sup>37</sup> California, Voter Registrations, 1900-1968, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2017, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/69074242:61066?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202323442113>, (accessed 12 Feb 2022).

<sup>38</sup> *Newspapers.com*, Nevada State Journal, 22 Jan 1935, page 3, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/75277896/?terms=%22Burnette%20Gibson%22&match=1>, (accessed 12 Feb 2022).

<sup>39</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Bee, 23 Jan 1935, page 9, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/617247871/?terms=%22Burnette%20Gibson%22&match=1>, (accessed 13 Feb 2022).

“Amsterdam,” arriving at New York harbor on 28 Aug 1882.<sup>40</sup> The family settled in Kalamazoo, Michigan.<sup>41</sup> When Paul registered for the WWI draft, he was in Montana. He gave his place of residence as Colusa, Colusa County, California. He named his nearest relative as Mary DeSmit of Kalamazoo, Michigan, a name for which I found no other record.<sup>42</sup>

In April 1939, Paul threw a birthday party for Burnette.

Paul DeSmit was host to friends Sunday, honoring his wife, Burnette, on her birthday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Faussat and little daughter, Helen Mae.

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The 1940 U.S. Census found Burnette (35) and Paul DeSmit (59) living at 820 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in the city of Colusa, in Colusa County, California. Burnette provided the information to the census taker. Both were recorded as “W[hite]. Paul had an eighth-grade education and Burnette, three years of high school. Both were naturalized U.S. citizens, Paul having been born in the Netherlands, and Burnette in Canada. The handwriting concerning Paul’s occupation is difficult to read: it looks like “Carning Inst,” with the industry being “Recreation.” The *ancestry.com* transcriber thought it read “Carring Indl,” with no transcription for the industry in which he was employed.<sup>44</sup>

The 1950 U.S. Census recorded Paul DeSmit (69) with a different wife, Bertha (54) living at 3195 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Brighton, Sacramento County, California. Bertha was employed as a “practical nurse” in a “private home.”<sup>45</sup> This was not a typo; Burnette would only have been 45 in 1950. Below, you will see Burnette in a different 1950 census record.

In 1945, Burnette’s mother, Bertha, had died. In the obituary, Burnette had been listed as “Mrs. Burnette Harper of San Francisco.”

<sup>40</sup> *New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957*, Arrival: New York, New York, USA; Microfilm Serial: M237, 1820-1897; Line: 6; List Number: 1219, Parents on Image 2, children on image 6, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7488/images/NYM237\\_456-0522?pId=12198126](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7488/images/NYM237_456-0522?pId=12198126), (accessed 18 Feb 2022).

<sup>41</sup> *U.S. Selected States Dutch Reformed Church Membership Records, 1701-1995*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2016, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60766/images/43105\\_2421401574\\_1131-00089?pId=2984678](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60766/images/43105_2421401574_1131-00089?pId=2984678), (accessed 18 Feb 2022).

<sup>42</sup> *U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*, Registration State: Montana; Registration County: Chouteau County, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2005, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6482/images/005241972\\_04637?pId=71207932](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6482/images/005241972_04637?pId=71207932), (accessed 18 Feb 2022).

<sup>43</sup> *Newspapers.com*, Chico Record, 25 Apr 1939, page 5, “Ord Bend,” <https://www.newspapers.com/image/679017757/?terms=%22Paul%20DeSmit%22&match=1>, (accessed 13 Feb 2022).

<sup>44</sup> *1940 United States Federal Census, Colusa, Colusa, California*; Roll: m-t0627-00194; Page: 5B; Enumeration District: 6-1B, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2442/images/m-t0627-00194-00284?pId=67645201>, (accessed 15 Feb 2022).

<sup>45</sup> *1950 United States Federal Census, Brighton, Sacramento, California*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2022, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/62308/images/43290879-California-056621-0009?pId=259190182>, (accessed 6 Dec 2022).

# Obituaries

## BERTHA A. TALBOT

Mrs. Bertha A. Talbot, 63, lifelong resident of California, died last night in her home, 4012 Second Avenue. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 3 P. M. in the W. F. Gormley & Sons Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Masonic Lawn Cemetery.

She was a native of Humboldt County and had resided in Sacramento about 16 years. Her husband, John H. Talbot, died in 1943.

Mrs. Talbot leaves her daughters, Mrs. Burnett Harper of San Francisco, Mrs. Bertha A. Jordan of Sacramento, Mrs. Aileen Franklin of Vallejo, Solano County, and Mrs. Helen Lewis of Oakland; her sons John H., Jr., Albert and Oliver Talbot of Sacramento, and Corporals James and Elmo Talbot of the army and nine grandchildren.

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A further search yielded the 1950 U.S. census, which showed Burnette (45) and husband, William B. Harper (53), living at 1436 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Oakland, Alameda county, California. No occupation was listed for William; his status was "other." Burnette was recorded as a "filing clerk" for "Veteran administration." Both were listed as white.<sup>47</sup>

Other records showed that William Bennett Harper was born 3 Jan 1897 in Illinois, had served in both world wars, and died 14 Feb 1959.<sup>48</sup>

I found no further records for Burnette.

## 2. (ii) Bertha A Talbot (1906 - 2005):

(John Henry, Lorenzo Talbot, Unknown Brewster)

According to the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, Bertha was born 26 Nov 1906.<sup>49</sup> In the 1920 U.S. Census, her parents reported that she had been born in Canada.<sup>50</sup>

In the 1930 U.S. Census (taken 2 Apr 1930), Bertha (23) was listed as the wife of Newton Mayo (45), living at 2316 on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in San Joaquin Township of Sacramento County. In the household was her brother, William (20). Everyone in the house was listed as

<sup>46</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Bee, 20 Nov 1945, page 4, "Obituaries," <https://www.newspapers.com/image/624209915/?terms=Aileen%20Franklin&match=1>, (accessed 13 Feb 2022).

<sup>47</sup> 1950 United States Federal Census, Oakland, Alameda, Ca, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2022, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/62308/images/43290879-California-204986-0030?pid=267476973>, (accessed 6 Dec 2022).

<sup>48</sup> U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca.1775-2006, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2006, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1270677:8750?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202429720156>, (accessed 6 Dec 2022).

<sup>49</sup> U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/812904211:60901?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202323442114>, (accessed 28 Feb 2022).

<sup>50</sup> 1920 United States Federal Census, Sacramento Assembly District 15, Sacramento, California, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6061/images/4293832\\_01135?pid=3013779](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6061/images/4293832_01135?pid=3013779), (accessed 25 Jan 2022).

W(hite). Newton was born in Nebraska. Bertha and William were recorded as having been born in “French Canada,” speaking French before immigrating to the U.S. in 1910. Newton gave the age at which he first married as 28, making 1915 that marriage year. Bertha said she had been 19 when she first married, making 1926 her marriage year.<sup>51</sup>

I found a record for a marriage of “Bertha A Talbot” to “C. E. Hill” in Sacramento County in 1924.<sup>52</sup> I found no other records for C. E. Hill or Bertha that confirmed that this was indeed our Bertha A. Talbot.

A listing in the 1943 Sacramento City Directory reads “Jordan Danl (Bertha A) USA h1702½ V.”<sup>53</sup> The significance of “USA”? Thinking that this might imply that he was in the U.S. Army in 1943, I searched, and found a record for Daniel J Jordan that said he was a prisoner of war, a “Private” serving in “Field Artillery” in the “Asiatic Theatre.” The record indicates that he was taken prisoner by the Japanese and held at “Nike #3 POW Camp Thailand 13-100.” His status was “Returned to Military Control, Liberated or Repatriated” His report date was given as 24 Feb 1942, and his last report date as 12 Sep 1945.<sup>54</sup>

When he had registered for the draft on 16 Oct 1940, he gave the “name of person who would always know [his] address” as “Miss Perlie Monroy,” a “friend.” This suggested he had not yet married Bertha. On the card Daniel was described as Negro, 5’ 6” tall, 145 lb, with brown eyes and black hair. Attached to the record was another card that listed three Sacramento addresses:

- i. “2607 Broadway,”
- ii. “Rte. 1 Box 1651,” This was the address of Bertha’s parents.
- iii. “1701½ Vee Street.” This was the address that was published with Bertha’s name in the 1943 city directory. This suggests that they had married in 1941.

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<sup>51</sup> 1930 United States Federal Census, San Joaquin, Sacramento, California; Page: 1A; Enumeration District: 0101; FHL microfilm: 2339920, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2002, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6224/images/4531841\\_00500?pid=91778477](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6224/images/4531841_00500?pid=91778477), (accessed 16 Jul 2022).

<sup>52</sup> California, County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1849-1980, Sacramento County, “Index to Marriage Certificates – Men,” book 65, page 116, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., image 781, 2017, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61460/images/47732\\_B354091-00780?pid=901129689](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61460/images/47732_B354091-00780?pid=901129689), (accessed 9 Jun 2022).

<sup>53</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1943, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3077831?pid=199158783>, (accessed 28 Feb 2022).

<sup>54</sup> U.S., World War II American and Allied Prisoners of War, 1941-1946, The National Archives at Washington, D.C.; Washington, D.C.; Record Group Title: Records of the Office of the Provost Marshal General, 1920 - 1975; Record Group Number: 389, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2005, <https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=8919&h=22616&ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202337576873&usePUB=true>, (accessed 28 Feb 2022).

|   |                           |                      |                      |                           |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| SERIAL NUMBER   | 1. IN NAME (First)        |                      |                      | MEMBER                    |
| <b>2865</b>   | <b>DANIEL JOHN JORDAN</b> |                      |                      | <b>677</b>                |
| 2. ADDRESS (Type)   |                           | (First)              | (Middle)             | (Last)                    |
| <b>2474 FIRST AVE</b>   |                           | <b>SACRAMENTO</b>    |                      | <b>CALIF.</b>             |
| (Number and street or R. P. T. number)                              |                           | (Town or city)       |                      | (State)                   |
| 3. TELEPHONE  |                           | 4. AGE IN YEARS      | 5. PLACE OF BIRTH    | 6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP |
|   |                           | <b>32</b>            | <b>ELMO - Co</b>     | <b>USA</b>                |
|   |                           | DATE OF BIRTH        | (Town or country)    | (Country)                 |
|   |                           | <b>SEPT. 21-1908</b> | <b>VIRGINIA</b>      |                           |
| (Name and #)  |                           | (Mo.) (Day) (Year)   | (State or territory) |                           |
| 7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS                 |                           |                      |                      |                           |
| <b>MISS PEARLIE MONROY</b>  |                           |                      |                      |                           |
| 8. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON   |                           | (First)              | (Middle)             | (Last)                    |
| <b>3009 SECOND AVE</b>  |                           | <b>SACRAMENTO</b>    |                      | <b>CALIF.</b>             |
| (Number and street or R. P. T. number)                              |                           | (Town or city)       |                      | (State)                   |
| 10. EMPLOYER'S NAME   |                           |                      |                      |                           |
| <b>ROSENBERG AND SONS</b>   |                           |                      |                      |                           |
| 11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS                                 |                           |                      |                      |                           |
| <b>1731 - 17 ST.</b>  |                           |                      |                      |                           |
| (Number and street or R. P. T. number)                              |                           |                      |                      |                           |
| I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE. |                           |                      |                      |                           |
| <i>Daniel John Jordan</i> (Signature)                               |                           |                      |                      |                           |
| REGISTRATION CARD<br>D. S. D. FORM 1<br>(Form) 85-17165             |                           |                      |                      |                           |

| DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT |                    |                    |        |             |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|
| RACE                      | HEIGHT<br>(inches) | WEIGHT<br>(pounds) | SEX    | COMPLEXION  |
| White                     | <u>5 - 6</u>       | <u>145</u>         | Female | Sallow      |
|                           | EYES               | HAIR               |        |             |
| Negro                     | <u>Blue</u>        | <u>Blonde</u>      |        | Light       |
|                           | Gray               | Red                |        | Wavy        |
| Oriental                  | <u>Hazel</u>       | <u>Brown</u>       |        | Dark        |
|                           | Brown              | <u>Black</u>       |        | Freckled    |
| Indian                    | <u>Black</u>       | <u>Gray</u>        |        | Light brown |
|                           |                    | Gold               |        | Dark brown  |
| Filipino                  |                    |                    |        | Black       |

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows \_\_\_\_\_

*Mary E. Burns*  
(Signature of registrant)  
MAY 9 1947  
Reg. No. 16-1157  
Local Board No. 26  
Office of Local Boards

Registrar \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of registration \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL BOARD NO. 26  
503 Plaza Bldg., SACRAMENTO, CALIF.  
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(Use stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant  
shall be placed in the above space.)

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In the 1945 Sacramento City Directory, I found a record for a Bertha, wife of "Jordan Danian [sic] J mach SAD," living at 4012 second avenue.<sup>56</sup> The 1947 directory showed the couple living at the same address. Daniel was recorded as being a laborer at McClellan Field, a U.S. Air Force base just northeast of Sacramento. He was most likely still a machinist.<sup>57</sup> In the 1953 directory, Bertha and Danl [sic] were listed at 4010 [sic] second avenue. Daniel was

<sup>55</sup> U.S., *World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947*, National Archives at St. Louis; St. Louis, Missouri; WWII Draft Registration Cards for California, 10/16/1940-03/31/1947; Record Group: Records of the Selective Service System, 147; Box: 924, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995\\_05\\_00140-00782?pid=18233002](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995_05_00140-00782?pid=18233002), (accessed 28 Feb 2022).

<sup>56</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1945, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3207448?pid=212563775>, (accessed 28 Feb 2022).

<sup>57</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1947, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3255723?pid=217301765>, (accessed 1 Mar 2022).

now working as a “driver” for “City Iron & Mtl.”<sup>58</sup> In the 1955 directory, they were recorded at “4010 Santa Cruz way,” possibly after a street renaming. Daniel’s occupation was now a “mtl burner.”<sup>59</sup>

They were not listed in the 1958 Sacramento City Directory.<sup>60</sup> The same was true of the 1960 Sacramento City Directory.<sup>61</sup>

The next record I could identify as Mrs. Bertha Jordan was dated 1983. It was in the U.S. Public Records 1950-1993 Volume 1. I knew it was her because it contained an address in Dunsmuir, California.<sup>62</sup>

Daniel J. Jordan’s in the same public records gave his sequence of addresses as Post Box 1, Dunsmuir” preceded by “510 South First Street, Dunsmuir” in 1989, and that preceded by “6285 Hilltop Da [sic], Dunsmuir” in 1988.<sup>63</sup> Since Daniel’s Social Security death record had the correct birthdate and indicated that his last residence was Dunsmuir, Siskiyou, California, I knew that this was the correct Daniel J Jordan. So that meant this was the correct Bertha A. Jordan. The three addresses for Bertha A. Jordan in the U.S. Public Records were:

- i. PO Box 59385, Los Angeles, CA
- ii. 510 S 1st St, Dunsmuir, CA,
- iii. 924 E Imperial Hwy, Los Angeles, CA<sup>64</sup>

There were records for a couple of different Mrs. Bertha A. Jordan’s in Los Angeles, so I had to be sure which, if any, was our Bertha. A record of Bertha’s death is in the U.S. Social Security Death Index. It gave her last residence as “91763, Montclair, San Bernardino, California.”<sup>65</sup> San Bernardino is just east of Los Angeles, which suggested that some of the Los Angeles records for Bertha A. Jordan after 1955 were possibly hers.

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<sup>58</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1953*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3676610?pid=266999093>, (accessed 1 Mar 2022).

<sup>59</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1955*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3693494?pid=1162450480>, (accessed 1 Mar 2022).

<sup>60</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1958*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3634555?pid=1162450480>, (accessed 1 Mar 2022).

<sup>61</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1958*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3677529?pid=1162450480>, (accessed 1 Mar 2022).

<sup>62</sup> *U.S. Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 1*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/277322845:1788?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202323442114>, (accessed 6 Mar 2022).

<sup>63</sup> *U.S. Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 1*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/94517873:1788?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202337576873>, (accessed 1 Mar 2022).

<sup>64</sup> *U.S. Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 1*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/277322845:1788?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202323442114>, (accessed 6 Mar 2022).

<sup>65</sup> *U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014*, Social Security Administration; Washington D.C., USA; Social Security Death Index, Master File, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2011, <https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=3693&h=76757324&ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202323442114&usePUB=true>, (accessed 6 Mar 2022).

In the 1960 Los Angeles Voters List, on 8 Nov 1960 in precinct 89, there was a record made of a democrat, "Jordan, Mrs. Bertha A. 410 E 82<sup>nd</sup> St." <sup>66</sup> But there was also a record made on 8 Nov 1960 in precinct 3743 of a democrat, "Jordan, Mrs. Bertha A 9022 Reading Avenue." <sup>67</sup> But I found no way to determine if either or both are our Bertha A. (**TALBOT**) Jordan.

In 1993, Daniel John Jordan died. His obituary listed Bertha A. as his wife. His children were listed as Jerry and John Clemmens, Corine White, Lucy Henry, and Rosalie Haydel.

### Daniel Jordan

MOUNT SHASTA — Services for Daniel John Jordan, 84, of Dunsmuir will be conducted at 1 p.m. at Mt. Shasta Kingdom Hall. The Elder Fred McKinnis of the church will officiate.

Mr. Jordan died Wednesday, April 7, 1993, at Mercy Medical Center in Mount Shasta.

Born Sept. 21, 1908, in West Virginia, he moved to Siskiyou County from Los Angeles four years ago.

He was formerly a maintenance man for Lax Jewelry. He was a veteran of World War II and was a member of the Mt. Shasta King- dom Hall.

Survivors include wife Bertha; sons Jerry Clemmens and John Clemmens, both of Dunsmuir; daughters Corine White of Dunsmuir, Lucy Henry of Hawthorne, and Rosalie Haydel of Los Angeles; 28 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are being han- dled by Mt. Shasta Memorial Chapel in Mount Shasta.

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According to the U.S., *Social Security Death Index*, Bertha A Jordan died on 19 Dec 2005.<sup>69</sup>

Bertha A. Talbot and Daniel J. Jordan had the following children:

10. (i) Rosalie Joan (1944).

<sup>66</sup> California, U.S., *Voter Registrations, 1900-1968*, California State Library; Sacramento, California; Great Register of Voters, 1900-1968, Roll Number: Roll 146, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2017, [https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/41716020:61066?tid=71322150&pid=202323442114&queryId=917e11e28ac7afe61b146cad2d6dbdbf&\\_phsrc=tlZ26267&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/41716020:61066?tid=71322150&pid=202323442114&queryId=917e11e28ac7afe61b146cad2d6dbdbf&_phsrc=tlZ26267&_phstart=successSource), (accessed 6 Mar 2022).

<sup>67</sup> California, U.S., *Voter Registrations, 1900-1968*, California State Library; Sacramento, California; Great Register of Voters, 1900-1968, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2017, [https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/50299248:61066?tid=71322150&pid=202323442114&queryId=917e11e28ac7afe61b146cad2d6dbdbf&\\_phsrc=tlZ26271&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/50299248:61066?tid=71322150&pid=202323442114&queryId=917e11e28ac7afe61b146cad2d6dbdbf&_phsrc=tlZ26271&_phstart=successSource), (accessed 6 Mar 2022).

<sup>68</sup> Newspapers.com, Record Searchlight (Redding CA), 10 Apr 1993, page 7, "Daniel Jordan," <https://www.newspapers.com/image/794372629/?terms=Daniel%20Jordan&match=1>, (accessed 9 Jun 2022).

<sup>69</sup> U.S., *Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014*, Op. cit.

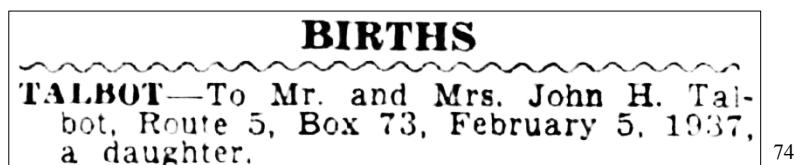
### **3. (iii) John Henry Talbot Jr. (1907):**

(John Henry, Lorenzo Talbot, Unknown Brewster)

In the 1920 U.S. Census, the family reported that John (12) had been born in Canada.<sup>70</sup> When John Henry registered for the WWII draft, he gave his birth date as 1 Dec 1907 and birthplace as “Victoria, Canada.”<sup>71</sup>

At the time of the 1930 U.S. Census, John Jr. (22) was single. It was claimed that he was born in French Canada and was able to speak French. He gave his occupation as a self-employed “Painter” in the industry of “Building.”<sup>72</sup> In both of these censuses the family members were recorded as “W[hite].”

In 1935, John married Viola B. Rogers in Sacramento.<sup>73</sup> A newspaper search turned up this birth announcement.



The California Birth Index revealed that the child was named Dolores Marie Talbot.<sup>75</sup> Unfortunately, the babe was short-lived. The California Death index indicates that she lived only eight months, expiring on 13 Oct 1937.<sup>76</sup>

The couple was not completely childless. Viola brought to the marriage a four-year-old son from a previous unwed relationship, David Walter Gomez, born 12 Jun 1931.<sup>77</sup> Throughout his life he was known as David W. Talbot. This was not unlike the situation of

<sup>70</sup> 1920 United States Federal Census, Sacramento Assembly District 15, Sacramento, California, Op. cit.

<sup>71</sup> U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947, National Archives at St. Louis; St. Louis, Missouri; WWII Draft Registration Cards for California, 10/16/1940-03/31/1947; Record Group: Records of the Selective Service System, 147; Box: 1774, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995\\_07\\_00032-01660?pid=18542640](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995_07_00032-01660?pid=18542640), (accessed 6 Mar 2022).

<sup>72</sup> 1930 United States Federal Census, San Joaquin, Sacramento, California; Op. cit.

<sup>73</sup> California, County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1849-1980, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2017, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61460/images/47732\\_B354091-01724?pid=1160658](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61460/images/47732_B354091-01724?pid=1160658), (accessed 6 Mar 2022).

<sup>74</sup> Newspapers.com, The Sacramento Bee, 12 Feb 1937, page 4, “Births,” <https://www.newspapers.com/image/617261934/?terms=Talbot&match=1>, (accessed 12 March 2022).

<sup>75</sup> California Birth Index, 1905-1995, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2005, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2271901:5247?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202355165601>, (accessed 12 March 2022).

<sup>76</sup> California, Death Index, 1905-1939, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2013, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/5187/images/41547\\_B138961-00400?pid=1082521](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/5187/images/41547_B138961-00400?pid=1082521), (accessed 12 March 2022).

<sup>77</sup> California Birth Index, 1905-1995, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2005, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1732887:5247?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202355164245>, (accessed 12 March 2022).

his great-grandfather, [my 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandfather], Lorenzo Talbot, stepson of Zebedee Dunbar Talbot, the patriarch of this enormous Talbot family.

The 1936 California Voters List recorded John and Viola, both Democrats, living at 3317 Twelfth Ave, Sacramento. John was listed as a “painter” and Viola, a “housewife.”<sup>78</sup> According to the 1938 Voters List they were still at the same address, with the same occupations.<sup>79</sup>

1938 was not a good year for John Henry Talbot Jr. He was arrested and charged with a crime that made the front page of the local paper.

**Sex Camera Fiend Suspect Here Is Partly Identified**

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of them are to confront Talbot tonight.

Talbot was confronted at the city jail by Miss Riggs, whom he bears a strong resemblance to the masked man who robbed her and her escort Edward Sarsarini, in William Land Park.

**Camera Found In Home**

The arresting officers said they found a small camera, a revolver, and a cap pistol in Talbot's residence. The police records show he was in the state hospital at Napa for a period in 1935. He is a painter and paper hanger.

Frank Johnson is a Negro who was arrested earlier as a suspect in the case. He was released today and ordered by Police Judge Will J. Carragher to stay out of Sacramento for two years.

**Five Young Victims Link Man To Robber Who Insulted Couples**

The police announced today that five victims of a man who has been preying on young couples in Sacramento and Yolo Counties during recent months have at least partly identified a suspect held in the city jail.

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<sup>78</sup> *California, Voter Registrations, 1900-1968*, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2017, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61066/images/sacramentocounty\\_11-0443b?pid=14651606](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61066/images/sacramentocounty_11-0443b?pid=14651606), (accessed 12 March 2022).

<sup>79</sup> *California, Voter Registrations, 1900-1968*, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2017, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61066/images/sacramentocounty\\_12-0434a?pid=5904185](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61066/images/sacramentocounty_12-0434a?pid=5904185), (accessed 12 March 2022).

<sup>80</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Bee, 4 Apr 1938, pages 1 & 4, “Sex Camera Fiend Suspect Here is Partly Identified,” <https://www.newspapers.com/image/617261934/?terms=Talbot&match=1>, (accessed 12 March 2022).

## **Names Kept Secret**

Detectives Martin Charles and Otto Dahl, who are assigned to the case, declined to reveal the name of the five young men and women who viewed Talbot in the city and described him as answering to a general description of the man who robbed and insulted them.

The detectives disclosed, coincidentally, that nearly a dozen cases similar to that in which Miss Riggs was involved have occurred here recently. Most of the victims have been hesitant about reporting the incidents due to fear of embarrassment through publicity. Some of them are to confront Talbot tonight.

Talbot was confronted at the city jail by Miss Riggs, who said he bears a strong resemblance to the masked man who robbed her and her escort, Edward Sassarial, in William Land Park.

## **Camera Found In Home**

The arresting officers said they found a small camera, a revolver, and a cap pistol in Talbot's residence. The police records show he was in the state hospital at Napa for three months during 1935. He is a painter and a paper hanger.

Frank Johnson is a Negro who was arrested earlier as a suspect in the case was released today and ordered by ?? Judge Will J. Carraghan to stay out of Sacramento for two years.

The article revealed that John had been a patient at the Napa State Hospital, a psychiatric facility, indicating he had mental illness in his history. I suspect that he may have been a troubled youth who left home when a teenager. There is a 1924 newspaper item that names a John Talbot as living in the "Twelfth Street Camp Grounds." At the time our John would have been seventeen.

**Bicycles Taken**—John Talbot and John Kemple, residents of the Twelfth Street Camp Grounds, reported to the police that each lost his bicycle last night. The machines were stolen from K Street, between Third and Fourth Streets.<sup>81</sup>

Other newspaper articles indicate that the campgrounds consisted of cabins. The campground owner had been charged with violation of the housing act, because of unsanitary conditions. Most of the ten newspaper articles naming the grounds involve arrests being

<sup>81</sup> Newspapers.com, The Sacramento Bee, 4 Aug 1924, page 5, "City News in Brief: Bicycles Taken," <https://www.newspapers.com/image/616764175/?terms=Talbot&match=1>, (accessed 12 March 2022).

made there. It appears to have been an unsavory place to be living, suggesting that John had not been in good company.

The "Sex Camera Fiend" newspaper articles went on for several days and included details of suspicious items found in his home, and a photo of John on page one.



Transcription  
appears below

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An even dozen victims, young men and women, tentatively have identified John Henry Talbot, Jr., 32, as the masked robber who during the last year has preyed on youthful couples parked in secluded areas of Sacramento and Yolo Counties. This announcement was made by police today as they sought to clinch their case against the half Indian, half Negro suspect, who has been held in the city jail since Saturday night.

**Girl Picks Out Man**

The authorities declined to reveal the names of the persons who have picked him out from a group of prisoners at the jail during "showups" on successive nights. It is known, however, that Miss Dea Riggs, 3600 First Avenue, who was forced to disrobe in William Land Park last Friday night by an armed and masked man who photographed her and her male companion, is among those who tentatively have identified the suspect.

Another group of reported victims of the park prowler have been invited to view Talbot at the police headquarters tonight.

#### Twelve Other Cases

More than a dozen cases similar to that in which Miss Riggs was involved, the police disclosed, are known to the authorities. Many other persons, who have been robbed and victimized in a like fashion, are believed to have been reluctant to report the incidents to the police due to a fear of embarrassment.

Four persons are reported to have identified Talbot during the lineup while eight picked him from among prisoners on the previous evening. Of the twelve, twelve are said to have made the identification reluctantly, more could not be learned. They have been robbed, humiliated and photographed, his victims the rubber was a factor.

<sup>82</sup> Newspapers.com, The Sacramento Bee, 5 Apr 1938, page 1, "12 Partially Identify Man in Robberies," <https://www.newspapers.com/image/617232092/?terms=%22John%20Talbot%22&match=1>, (accessed 12 March 2022).

made the identification unhesitatingly, none could be positive, for each time he robbed, humiliated and photographed his victims, the robber wore a mask.

#### **Camera, Gun Found**

Reviewing the physical evidence thus far obtained against Talbot, Detectives Otto Dahl and Martin Charles, in charge of the investigation, today cited the finding of a small camera, a revolver, assorted pornographic literature and a small notebook in and near his residence, which is near William Land Park. Most of the robberies under investigation have occurred either in the park or on secluded lanes in Yolo County.

In the notebook the detectives said were found two automobile license numbers, which are being checked, and a notation "man and woman in car, woman driving."

#### **License Numbers Taken**

When Miss Riggs and her companion, Edward Sassarini, were robbed and photographed, the robber took the license number of the car and wrote down their names.

Another entry in the notebook says: "Saw a nice pair of legs today."

Two photographic negatives were found in Talbot's house. They are of himself and a girl. Commercial photographers are being checked by the police in the belief the pictures of Miss Riggs and others may have been taken to local studios for developing and printing.

Talbot, who lives at Route 1, Box 1651, was in the state mental hospital for three months during 1935. He was discharged as cured. At the city jail he is booked as "en route to Yolo County."

It is interesting, but not unexpected, that the article stating that John was to be "released from custody because of insufficient evidence" was buried on page 31. When the story was sensational, it was placed on page 1. Now he would have to carry the stigma of the incident without benefit of the same publicity of the lack of evidence against him.

### **Evidence Against Man Held As Park Robber Is Said To Be Insufficient**

The police indicated today that John Henry Talbot, 32, held in the city prison since last Saturday night on suspicion of being the masked robber who has annoyed young couples parked in secluded parts of the city, will be released from custody because of insufficient evidence.

Although sixteen persons tentatively identified Talbot, none of them could be positive, the authorities pointed out, because the park robber always wore a mask.

In addition, a strip of motion picture film which had been regarded as probable evidence in the case turned out to be valueless. When developed and shown at the police headquarters this morning, the film showed only faintly the head of a woman and a baby in a crib. The film was taken from a movie camera found in Talbot's residence. Victims of the masked robber had reported he forced them to disrobe while he photographed them in the glare of automobile headlights.

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<sup>83</sup> Newspapers.com, The Sacramento Bee, 7 Apr 1938, page 31, "Evidence Against Man Held . . ." <https://www.newspapers.com/image/617232502/?terms=%22John%20Talbot%22&match=1>, (accessed 13 March 2022).

Apparently, his wife, Viola, had had enough. On 17 Apr 1939, a notice appeared in the local paper that she had been granted an interlocutory decree of divorce on the ground of neglect.<sup>84</sup>

The 1940 U.S. Census on April 24<sup>th</sup> showed that John (32), divorced, was living at home with his parents, and brothers James (20) and Elmo (19), at "Rt 1, 1651" in San Joaquin township, Sacramento county. His occupation was "painter & paper hanger" in the "building painting trade." He had an eighth-grade education.<sup>85</sup>

On 3 Oct 1940, a notice declared that the divorce had been made final.<sup>86</sup>

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| <b>Wife Granted Divorce—Superior</b><br>Judge Martin I. Welsh has granted<br>Viola B. Talbot an interlocutory<br>decree of divorce from John Talbot<br>on the ground of wilful neglect. | <b>DIVORCE ACTIONS</b><br><b>Complaints Filed</b><br>Verdel against Andrew Gori,<br>Florence E. against Francis E. Carlson,<br>Esther E. against Elmer P. Bell,<br><br><b>Interlocutory Decrees</b><br>Genevieve R. from Leo Rossi,<br>Dorothy E. from Herman McFarland,<br><br><b>Final Decrees</b><br>Viola from John Talbot<br>Mary E. from Forrest S. Lozano,<br>Margaret E. from Morton E. Allen. |
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Two weeks later, John registered for the draft.

|   |                        |  |                   |  |
|---|------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| SERIAL NUMBER   | 1. NAME (Print)        |  |                   | ORDER NUMBER   |
| 2479  | John HENRY TALBOT, JR. |  |                   | 407 407  |
|   | (First)                | (Middle)   | (Last)            |  |
| 2. ADDRESS (Print)  |                        |  |                   |  |
| Rt. one, Box 1651, SACRAMENTO, SACRAMENTO, CALIF.                   |                        |  |                   | (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State) |
| 3. TELEPHONE  |                        | 4. AGE IN YEARS                                    | 5. PLACE OF BIRTH | 6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP                                      |
| none  |                        | 32   | Victoria          | U.S.A.   |
|   |                        | DATE OF BIRTH                                      |                   |  |
|   |                        | Dec. 1 1907  | Canada            |  |
| 7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS                 |                        | 8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON                     |                   |  |
| John Henry Talbot, Sr.  |                        | Father   |                   |  |
|   |                        | (Mr., Mrs., Miss)                                  | (Middle)          | (Last)   |
| 9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON   |                        |  |                   |  |
| Rt. one box 1651  |                        | Sacramento, Sacramento, Calif.                     |                   |  |
|   |                        | (Number and street or R. F. D. number)             | (Town)            | (County) (State)   |
| 10. EMPLOYER'S NAME   |                        |  |                   |  |
| Self.   |                        |  |                   |  |
| 11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS                                 |                        |  |                   |  |
| Rt. one box 1651  |                        | Sacramento, Sacramento, Calif.                     |                   |  |
|   |                        | (Number and street or R. F. D. number)             | (Town)            | (County) (State)   |
| I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE. |                        |  |                   |  |
| REGISTRATION CARD<br>D. S. S. FORM 1                                |                        | John Henry Talbot, Jr.<br>(Registrant's signature) |                   |  |
| (over)  |                        | 18-17105   |                   |  |

<sup>84</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Bee, 3 Oct 1940, page 37, "Divorce Actions" <https://www.newspapers.com/image/617363259/?terms=%22Talbot%22&match=1>, (accessed 14 Mar 2022).

<sup>85</sup> 1940 United States Federal Census, San Joaquin, Sacramento, California, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/70239067:2442?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202323440378>, (accessed 15 Jul 2022).

<sup>86</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Bee, 3 Oct 1940, page 37, "Divorce Actions" <https://www.newspapers.com/image/617363259/?terms=%22Talbot%22&match=1>, (accessed 14 Mar 2022).

| REGISTRAR'S REPORT        |                    |                    |             |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT |                    |                    |             |
| RACE                      | HEIGHT<br>(approx) | WEIGHT<br>(approx) | COMPLEXION  |
| White                     | 5'-6 1/2           | 155                | Sallow      |
| Negro                     | Blue               | Brown              | Light       |
| Oriental                  | Grey               | Red                | Ruddy       |
| Indian                    | Hazel              | Brown              | Dark        |
| Filipino                  | Brown              | Black              | Freckled    |
|                           | Black              | Gray               | Light brown |
|                           |                    | Bald               | Dark brown  |
|                           |                    |                    | Black       |

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification 2 scars on left lip.

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read or has had read to him his copy of this form that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

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He gave his home address, "route 1, box 1651," as that of his father, whom he named as the person who "will always know [his] address."

On 12 Mar 1941, John enlisted in the U.S. Army. His enlistment record states that he was a painter, divorced with no dependents, "White," 150 lb, 5' 6" tall, and had a "grammar school" education. He was given the rank of Private, with service number 39077847.<sup>88</sup> He served in Europe during WWI and was captured by the German army according to a report dated 23 Jul 1944. He was a prisoner of war and held in "Stalag 12A to 9B Limburg An Der Lahn Hessen-Nassau, Prussia 50-08." The last report on 10 Aug 1945 indicates that he was "Returned to Military Control, Liberated or Repatriated."<sup>89</sup>

<sup>87</sup> U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947, National Archives at St. Louis; St. Louis, Missouri; WWII Draft Registration Cards for California, 10/16/1940-03/31/1947; Record Group: Records of the Selective Service System, 147; Box: 1774, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995\\_07\\_00032-01660?pid=18542640](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995_07_00032-01660?pid=18542640), (accessed 14 Mar 2022).

<sup>88</sup> U.S., World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946, National Archives at College Park; College Park, Maryland, USA; Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File, 1938-1946; NAID: 1263923; Record Group Title: Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, 1789-ca. 2007; Record Group: 64, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2005, <https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=8939&h=1692776&ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202323440378&usePUB=true>, (accessed 14 Mar 2022).

<sup>89</sup> U.S., World War II American and Allied Prisoners of War, 1941-1946, The National Archives at Washington, D.C.; Washington, D.C.; Record Group Title: Records of the Office of the Provost Marshal General, 1920 - 1975; Record Group Number: 389, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2005, <https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=8919&h=6232&ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202323440378&usePUB=true>, (accessed 14 Mar 2022).

On 30 Mar 1942, a notice appeared in the local paper that John Henry's father, John Henry Talbot Sr., was arrested for drunk driving. This is clearly the father, not the son, because John Henry Jr. was serving in the army, overseas at that time.

## City News In Brief

**Three Are Arrested**—Three men were arrested last night in the Sacramento area for driving while drunk. They are: Douglas N. Hill of Bellview Village, John Henry Talbot, Negro, of Route 1, Box 1651, and Henry A. Rouse of Box 22, Del Paso Heights.

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On 29 Jun 1945, a newspaper notice reported that John Henry Jr. had been liberated as a prisoner of war and was en route home. A sad surprise awaited him. His father had died on 7 Dec 1943, when John was a captive.

### LIBERATED

Official dispatches disclose the following prisoners of war have been liberated and are now en route home:

Second Lieutenant Robert W. Bell, son of Mrs. Florence A. Bell, Route 2, Box 1640, Sacramento; Second Lieutenant Gordon H. Gray, husband of Mrs. Adele M. Gray, 221 South Crescent Street, Lodi, San Joaquin County; Private First Class Alfred Guerra, son of Mrs. Guadalupe Guerra, 1509 E Street, Sacramento; Sergeant James D. Pascoe, son of Mrs. Helen Capps, 2020 N Street, Sacramento; Private First Class John H. Talbot, Jr., son of Mrs. Bertha A. Talbot, Route 8, Box 1651, Sacramento, and Private First Class James Golley, son of Mrs. Rose B. Fox, 923 West Second Street, Reno, Nev.

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Now it was junior's turn to be arrested on 12 Oct 1945 for drunk driving. The apple hadn't fallen far from the tree.

### Two Are Arrested On Drunk Driving Charges

John Henry Talbot, Jr., 37, of 4012 Second Avenue and Donald McFarland, 41, of Sacramento, were arrested last night on charges of driving while drunk

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<sup>90</sup> Newspapers.com, The Sacramento Bee, 30 Mar 1942, page 2, "City News in Brief: Three Are Arrested" <https://www.newspapers.com/image/617606743/?terms=Talbot&match=1>, (accessed 15 March 2022).

<sup>91</sup> Newspapers.com, The Sacramento Bee, 29 Jun 1945, page 2, "In the Service: Liberated" <https://www.newspapers.com/image/624212441/?terms=Talbot&match=1>, (accessed 15 March 2022).

What a difficult life John Henry Talbot Jr. had lived: mental illness as a youth, fighting in Europe as a private in WWII, captured by the Germans, and his father's death while he was a prisoner of war. Added to this was the failure he must have felt from sibling rivalry with four brothers, two of them also in the military, one a corporal. His father's obituary had listed John Henry as a corporal; John's military record shows he was merely a "private first class."

The 1952 Sacramento City Directory listed John as a painter, living in the rear of 4012 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue, the home of his brother, Elmo L. Talbot, a mattress maker.<sup>93</sup>

A 1956 Los Angeles Voters List showed a "Talbot, John H., 7705 Vineland, Republican." Also, at that address, a "Mrs. Camilla R, Republican."<sup>94</sup>

The next record I found was the last, John's death, as recorded in the California Death Index. He died in Los Angeles on 3 Dec 1970.<sup>95</sup> Had he gone to Los Angeles because that was where his older sister, Mrs. Bertha A. (TALBOT) Jordan lived?

John Henry Talbot Jr. and Viola Belle Rogers had the following children:

11. (i) David Walter Gomez (1931), (stepson)
12. (ii) Dolores Marie (1937).

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<sup>92</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Bee, 12 Oct 1945, page 5, "Two Are Arrested on Drunk Driving Charges" <https://www.newspapers.com/image/624139857/?terms=Talbot&match=1>, (accessed 15 March 2022).

<sup>93</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995*, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1952, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3630770?pid=1168646095>, (accessed 15 March 2022).

<sup>94</sup> California, U.S., *Voter Registrations, 1900-1968*, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2017, [https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/57159404:61066?tid=71322150&pid=202323440378&queryId=7ecf39a885875dd63e10d70e207eceb7&\\_phsrc=tLZ26429&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/57159404:61066?tid=71322150&pid=202323440378&queryId=7ecf39a885875dd63e10d70e207eceb7&_phsrc=tLZ26429&_phstart=successSource), (accessed 15 March 2022).

<sup>95</sup> California, *Death Index, 1940-1997*, Social Security: 567098365, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2000, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/12048421:5180?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202323440378>, (accessed 15 March 2022).

#### **4. (iv) Albert William Talbot (1909 - 1980):**

(John Henry, Lorenzo Talbot, Unknown Brewster)

In the 1920 U.S. Census, the family reported that Bill (12) had been born in Canada.<sup>96</sup> When Albert William Talbot registered for the WWII draft on 16 Oct 1940, he gave his birth date as 16 Aug 1909 and birthplace as "Umbricca, British Columbia, Canada."<sup>97</sup>

In the 1930 census, when he was living with his sister, Bertha (23), and brother-in-law, Newton Mayo (45), at 2316 Twelfth Avenue, William (20) reported that he had immigrated to the U.S. in 1910. His occupation was given as "painter" in a "paint shop." He was unmarried.<sup>98</sup>

In the 1930 Sacramento City Directory, he was listed as William W., living with his parents, John H. and Bertha A., and brother, John H. (Jr.), at "3801 Terminal av." All three men were listed as "mech[anics]."<sup>99</sup> In the 1931 directory, he was listed as "Wm H." All other data were the same.<sup>100</sup> At the time of the 1937 Sacramento City Directory, his parents had moved to "3974 Terminal av" and "William B" was living at the rear of 2014 H street. Both he and his father were listed as "driver."<sup>101</sup> The 1938 directory showed him to be living with his brother, Oliver, and Oliver's wife, Wilda, at 3119 McNeill Court. Albert's occupation was listed as "chauffeur."<sup>102</sup> The 1939 directory listed him as a chauffeur, living with his parents, brothers John Jr., James, and Elmo, at 3947 Terminal avenue.<sup>103</sup>

On April 2nd, Albert's future wife, Helen Rose Walker, was recorded in the 1940 U.S. Census, working as a servant in Lafayette City, Louisiana.<sup>104</sup> On October 16<sup>th</sup>, when he

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<sup>96</sup> 1920 United States Federal Census, Sacramento Assembly District 15, Sacramento, California, Op. cit.

<sup>97</sup> U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947, National Archives at St. Louis; St. Louis, Missouri; WWII Draft Registration Cards for California, 10/16/1940-03/31/1947; Record Group: Records of the Selective Service System, 147; Box: 1774, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995\\_07\\_00032-01502?pid=18542561](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995_07_00032-01502?pid=18542561), (accessed 6 Mar 2022).

<sup>98</sup> 1930 United States Federal Census, San Joaquin, Sacramento, California; Page: 1A; Enumeration District: 0101; FHL microfilm: 2339920, Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2002, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6224/images/4531841\\_00500?pid=91778477](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6224/images/4531841_00500?pid=91778477), (accessed 16 Jul 2022).

<sup>99</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1930, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3673149?pid=1162316872>, (accessed 16 Jul 2022).

<sup>100</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1931, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3632443?pid=263353418>, (accessed 16 Jul 2022).

<sup>101</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1937, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3258072?pid=217470366>, (accessed 16 Jul 2022).

<sup>102</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1938, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3149518?pid=206337541>, (accessed 16 Jul 2022).

<sup>103</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1939, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3126265?pid=203995489>, (accessed 16 Jul 2022).

<sup>104</sup> 1940 United States Federal Census, Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana; Roll: m-t0627-01409; Page: 1A; Enumeration District: 28-17, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2442/images/M-T0627-01409-00614?pid=123715299>, (accessed 16 Jul 2022).

registered for the draft, he claimed he was married, but listed his wife as "Mrs. A.W. Talbot." The fact that he didn't give her first name suggests that he may not have actually been married at that time. He may have hoped a married status would help him avoid the draft.

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| SERIAL NUMBER<br><b>4398</b>   | 1. NAME (Print)<br><b>ALBERT WILLIAM TALBOT</b><br>(First) (Middle) (Last)                           | ORDER NUMBER<br><b>3224</b>   |
| 2. ADDRESS (Print)<br><b>513-0-5 St Sacramento Cal</b><br>(Number and street or R. F. D. number)   | 3. TELEPHONE<br><b>None</b>  | 4. AGE IN YEARS<br><b>31</b>  |
|  | 5. PLACE OF BIRTH<br><b>UMBRICCA B.C.</b><br>(Town or county)<br><b>Canada</b><br>(State or country) | 6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP<br><b>U.S.A.</b>  |
| 7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS<br><b>Mrs. A. W. TALBOT</b><br>(Mr., Mrs., Miss)<br>(First) (Middle) (Last)  | 8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON<br><b>wife</b>  |   |
| 9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON<br><b>513-0-5 St Sacramento Cal</b><br>(Number and street or R. F. D. number)  | 10. EMPLOYER'S NAME<br><b>John W. Williams Henry</b>   | 11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS<br><b>513-0-5 St Sacramento Cal</b><br>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) |
| I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.<br><br>REGISTRATION CARD<br>D. S. S. FORM 1<br>(over) 10-17105<br><br><i>23 W Talbot</i><br>(Registrant's signature) |  |   |

| REGISTRAR'S REPORT        |                     |                     |             |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT |                     |                     |             |
| RACE                      | HEIGHT<br>(APPROX.) | WEIGHT<br>(APPROX.) | COMPLEXION  |
| White                     | 5'-6                | 155                 | Brown       |
| Negro                     |                     |                     | Light       |
| Oriental                  |                     |                     | Ruddy       |
| Indian                    |                     |                     | Dark        |
| Filipino                  |                     |                     | Freckled    |
|                           |                     |                     | Brown       |
|                           |                     |                     | Black       |
|                           |                     |                     | Light brown |
|                           |                     |                     | Dark brown  |
|                           |                     |                     | Black       |

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification:  
*Helen S. Talbot*

I certify that my answers are true that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:  
*None*

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Register for  
*Albert W. Talbot*  
Local Board No. 25  
Date of registration  
*10/16/40*

DRAFT BOARD NO. 25  
ROOM 214 COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA  
*REGULAR OR LOCAL BOARD*

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The 1950 U.S. Census found Albert W. Talbot (39) in Sparks, Washoe county, Nevada, a city just east of Reno, living at 1963 Pacific Avenue. With him was his wife, "Helen S" (38) and her son, "Charles Jr. (7)", I suspect by a previous union. Also, in the household was Helen's mother, Mrs. Virginia Walker (58), a widow. Helen, her son, and her mother had all been born in Louisiana. Albert claimed to have been born in "Canada-french," which was not

<sup>105</sup> U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947, National Archives at St. Louis; St. Louis, Missouri; WWII Draft Registration Cards for California, 10/16/1940-03/31/1947; Record Group: Records of the Selective Service System, 147; Box: 1774, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995\\_07\\_00032-01502?pid=18542561](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995_07_00032-01502?pid=18542561), (accessed 19 Oct 2023).

true. Albert was working as a “supply man” for the “railroad.” Helen was a “maid” in a “private home.” They all were listed first as “W[hite],” then corrected to “Neg[ro]”<sup>106</sup>

The 1953 Reno, Nevada city directory listed Albert and Helen as living at 1963 Pacific avenue, with Albert as an employee of the “Naval Ammo Depot Babbitt [housing area, Hawthorne, Mineral County, NV].”<sup>107</sup>

Until the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Babbitt housing was segregated by a three block long gap of approximately 150 feet between 26th and 27th Streets separating the area housing African-American workers and their families (“Colored Town”). The movie theater, the bowling alley, and the soda fountain at Johnson’s Pharmacy were also segregated. The Navy constructed a small building used as the “BBQ Pit” business at the edge of the Colored Town, and adjacent was a relocated duplex operated as a segregated community center. Businesses not allowing African-American customers included The El Capitan casino, the Three Rs restaurant and the Home Cafe. Only one bar, owned and operated by African Americans, served them during the 1950s. The NAACP organized sit-ins and demonstrations, and efforts by Governor Sawyer failed to open the casino to African-American customers.<sup>108</sup>

The 1955 Reno directory had the same listing.<sup>109</sup> The 1956 directory read “Talbot Albert (Helen R) USN [United States Navy] h 1963 Pacific ave.”<sup>110</sup> The 1957 Reno Nevada City Directory had basically the same listing, except Helen’s middle initial was given as “S” instead of “R”; she was Helen Rose (**WALKER**) Talbot.<sup>111</sup>

By 1959, he had been promoted to “foreman.”<sup>112</sup> The 1960 directory had the same data.<sup>113</sup>

In 1961, Albert’s wife was part of a neighbourhood group that petitioned the city for improvements: “curbs, gutters, and sidewalks.”

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<sup>106</sup> *1950 United States Federal Census*, Sparks, Washoe, Nevada, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2022, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/62308/images/43290879-Nevada-088171-0012?pid=12025>, (accessed 17 Sep 2022).

<sup>107</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Reno, Nevada, City Directory, 1953, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/13736324?pid=837832450>, (accessed 19 Sep 2022).

<sup>108</sup> *Wikipedia*, “Babbit, Nevada,” [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Babbitt,\\_Nevada#cite\\_ref-5](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Babbitt,_Nevada#cite_ref-5), (accessed 19 Sep 2022).

<sup>109</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Reno, Nevada, City Directory, 1955, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/14514734?pid=907427834>, (accessed 19 Sep 2022).

<sup>110</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Reno, Nevada, City Directory, 1956, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/14970701?pid=948013603>, (accessed 19 Sep 2022).

<sup>111</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Reno, Nevada, City Directory, 1957, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/13161869?pid=785369874>, (accessed 19 Sep 2022).

<sup>112</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Reno, Nevada, City Directory, 1959, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/14828788?pid=935180539>, (accessed 19 Sep 2022).

<sup>113</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Reno, Nevada, City Directory, 1960, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/12678071?pid=739487269>, (accessed 19 Sep 2022).

## Change in Sparks Charter On Improvements Requested

A petition for creation of an improvement district by six Pacific Avenue families resulted in a move by the City of Sparks this week to correct differences between the municipal charter and state laws.

Petitioners asked the city to take necessary steps to install curbs, gutters, and sidewalks in their district but City Engineer Calvin Dodson said no improvement district is established for this purpose. Because of charter

requirements such work cannot be done until the summer of 1962.

City Councilman Val Galleron demanded the city take immediate steps to correct complex irregularities which bottleneck negotiations with bonding firms over districts, and asked that the Washoe delegation be notified.

City Manager David B. Henry admitted the charter "is contradictory to general law." City laws also are in conflict with bonding firm requirements.

City Attorney James R. Brooke was asked to secure clarification on existing problems from bonding attorneys in Denver, Colo.

Property owners petitioning for Pacific Avenue improvements were:

Mr. and Mrs. Booker T. Powell; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Carter; Mr. and Mrs. Marion Grider; Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Harris; Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Talbot; Rev. G. L. Dotson.

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A newspaper article, on 24 Dec 1963, gave commendation to the bus drivers serving Stead Air Force Base, both military and civilian drivers. Albert Talbot was among the civilian employees.

## Stead Bus Drivers Praised

Bus drivers assigned to the Stead Air Force Base Motor Pool have been congratulated for the enviable safety record set by them over the past year.

During the period Dec. 1, 1962 to Dec. 1, 1963, the 14 military and four civilian drivers assigned to bus driving duty drove over an estimated 120,329 miles and carried 101,277 passengers without a single reportable accident.

"We feel that this safety record is even more remarkable considering that almost half of this driving was accomplished to and from the survival areas

during all types of weather and over some mighty rugged roads," said T/Sgt. Duane M. Jaeke, NCOIC, Base Motor Pool. More than 10,000 student passengers were transported to the record.

In addition to transporting plus informal get-togethers survival students during this stressing safe driving each day period the 18 bus drivers were the vital factors in setting

21,780 kindergarten students driven to and from school; 15,080 military passengers to the base firing range; 9,125 passengers carried on round trips between Reno and Stead; and over 32,000 passengers transported in support of the Service Club, READS, Base Chapel and other miscellaneous services.

Maj. Maurice R. Page, chief, Transportation Division, credit ed an extensive safety program conducted by the Motor Pool as being instrumental in setting the summer and winter survival areas with over 50,000 driving safety programs conducted miles involved.

Said Maj. Page, "Mandatory twice monthly for all drivers In addition to transporting plus informal get-togethers survival students during this stressing safe driving each day period the 18 bus drivers were the vital factors in setting accomplishing the following: this record."

Military bus drivers instrumental in this highly successful safety record were: A/1C's James E. Brooks, Claude T. Lumpkin, Donald L. Ellis, James M. Townsend, Robert L. Walls, Willard E. Sharp, John J. Cooper, Milton L. Barnett and Roosevelt Hargrave Jr.; A/2C's Charles R. Batz, Roberto Cruz-Maldonado, Denton T. Nelson and Donald Taylor, and A/3C William J. Raburn.

The civilian drivers were Charles Gilbert, Rod Erkovich, Leonard Lawrence and Albert Talbot.

Convoy commanders during this period were S/Sgt's. Dewey M. Batcher, Bob P. Conner and Charles E. Sherman.

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<sup>114</sup> Newspapers.com, Nevada State Journal (Reno, Nevada), 30 Mar 1961, page 3, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/legacy/37017484/?terms=%22Albert%20Talbot%22&match=1>, (accessed 20 Sep 2022).

The 1964 city directory showed that Albert was employed by the USAF, a change from the Navy to the Air Force.<sup>116</sup> The 1971 Reno City Directory listed his occupation as “occupation:porter” employed by “Sparks Nugget,” a Reno casino resort.<sup>117</sup> The 1973 directory showed him to be a “bartender” at the Sparks Nugget.<sup>118</sup> The 1974 directory showed Albert to be working as a “houseboy” at the “Ponderosa Hotel.”<sup>119</sup>

On 20 Feb 1976, Albert and Helen Talbot obtained a deed of trust from the Transamerica Title Insurance Company for their property in the City of Sparks, Washoe County, Nevada.

A deed of trust is a document used in real estate transactions. It represents an agreement between the borrower and a lender to have the property held in trust by a neutral and independent third party until the loan is paid off.<sup>120</sup>

Because they were unable to repay the loan, the property was offered for sale at auction on 7 Apr 1977.

| PUBLIC NOTICE   |   |
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| <p><b>NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE<br/>OF REAL PROPERTY<br/>Foreclosure No. 705</b></p> <p>NOTICE is hereby given that on April 7, 1977, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. in the lobby of the office of Transamerica Title Insurance Company at 437 S. Sierra St., Reno, Nevada, 89505, TRANSAMERICA TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, a California corporation, as present Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States, the following described real property situated in the City of Sparks, County of Washoe, State of Nevada, and described as follows, to wit:</p> <p>All of Lot 15 and the Southern fifty feet of Lots 16 and 17 in Block 17, as shown on the map of TOWN OF SPARKS, formerly known as "NEW WADSWORTH" and "HARRIMAN" filed in the office of the County Recorder of Washoe County, State</p> | <p>of Nevada, on April 23, 1904 Lots 16 and 17 in Block 17 of the Town, New City, of Sparks, Washoe County Nevada, formerly Known as New Wadsworth and Harriman, according to the official map thereof, filed in the office of the County Recorder of Washoe County, Nevada, on April 23, 1904, SAID sale will be made to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in a certain Deed of Trust executed by ALBERT W. TALBOT and HELEN S. TALBOT to TRANSAMERICA TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, A California corporation, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MYRTLE G. HEADLEY, as Beneficiary, dated February 20, 1976, and recorded as Instrument No. 397972 on February 26, 1976, in book/reel 954, page/image 194, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder</p> <p>of Washoe County, State of Nevada THAT notice of breach of said obligation and election to sell said real property was recorded as Instrument No. 434632 on November 10, 1976, in book/reel 1023, page/image 490, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Washoe County, State of Nevada, and rerecorded Nov 24, 1976, in Book 1027, page 825, Document No 436737</p> <p>THAT said sale is made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, or as to insurability of title</p> <p>THE beneficiary or any other person or persons may purchase at said sale</p> <p>DATED this 14th day of March, 1977</p> <p>TRANSAMERICA TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY<br/>BY JON K. LANGE<br/>3345469-705<br/>March 17-24-31</p> |

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<sup>115</sup> *Newspapers.com*, Nevada State Journal (Reno, Nevada), 24 Dec 1963, page 6, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/legacy/74979221/?terms=%22Albert%20Talbot%22&match=1>, (accessed 19 Sep 2022).

<sup>116</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Reno, Nevada, City Directory, 1964, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1020601537\\_1246-00868?pid=1384696398](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1020601537_1246-00868?pid=1384696398), (accessed 20 Sep 2022).

<sup>117</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Reno, Nevada, City Directory, 1971, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1020601537\\_1247-00804?pid=1419756267](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1020601537_1247-00804?pid=1419756267), (accessed 20 Sep 2022).

<sup>118</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Reno, Nevada, City Directory, 1973, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1020601537\\_1248-00957?pid=1440425086](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1020601537_1248-00957?pid=1440425086), (accessed 20 Sep 2022).

<sup>119</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Reno, Nevada, City Directory, 1974, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1020601537\\_1249-01020?pid=1422464490](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1020601537_1249-01020?pid=1422464490), (accessed 20 Sep 2022).

<sup>120</sup> *Investopedia*, “What is a Deed of Trust,” <https://www.investopedia.com/deed-of-trust-definition-5221503>, (accessed 31 Oct 2022).

On 28 Jan 1980 Albert W. Talbot died in Reno, Nevada.<sup>122</sup>

## Area deaths

### Albert W. Talbot

A funeral is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at the Walton Funeral Home, Reno, for Albert W. Talbot, 70, of 340 Richards Way, Sparks, who died Monday in a Reno hospital.

An area resident since 1945, Talbot was born Aug. 16, 1909, in Vancouver, Canada. He retired from the Hawthorne Ammunition Depot after 20 years of civil service. After his retirement he was employed as a maintenance man and worked at the MGM until the time of his death.

An Army veteran of World War II, he served in the European, African and Middle East theaters.

Survivors include his widow, Helen of Sparks; stepson, Charles Simmons of Altadena, Calif.; brothers, James W. and Elmo, both of Sacramento; sister, Bertha Jordon of Los Angeles; and three grandchildren.

Cremation will be in the Mountain View Crematorium with inurnment to follow at the cemetery.

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His military service, reported in the obituary, is supported by a Veterans Affairs Death Record which shows he enlisted on 9 Nov 1943, and was discharged on 20 Sep 1945.<sup>124</sup>

The inurnment of his ashes was in Mountain View Cemetery.<sup>125</sup> When his wife, Helen, died on 17 Jan 1991, her ashes were placed beside his.

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<sup>121</sup> *Newspapers.com*, Reno Gazette-Journal (Reno, Nevada), 31 Mar 1977, page 2,  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/legacy/149264781/?terms=%22Helen%22&match=1>,  
(accessed 20 Sep 2022).

<sup>122</sup> *Nevada, Death Index, 1980-2012*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2013,  
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/539:8997?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202323442115>,  
(accessed 31 Oct 2022).

<sup>123</sup> *Newspapers.com*, Reno Gazette-Journal (Reno, Nevada), 30 Jan 1980, page 28,  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/150736979/?focus=0.040401805%2C0.9134019%2C0.27986988%2C0.9719549&xid=3355>, (accessed 31 Oct 2022).

<sup>124</sup> U.S., *Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/10785082:2441?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202323442115>, (accessed 31 Oct 2022).

<sup>125</sup> U.S., *Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012,  
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/161870016:60525?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202323442115>, (accessed 31 Oct 2022).



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### **5. (v) Oliver Harold Talbot (1911 - 1968):**

(John Henry, Lorenzo Talbot, Unknown Brewster)

According to the information Oliver provided when he registered for the WWII draft, he was born in Sacramento, CA on 27 Nov 1911.<sup>127</sup> This was confirmed in the 1920 U.S. Census when he was reported on 10 Jan 1920 as "Olli," age eight.<sup>128</sup>

His next record was an announcement of marriage in 1934 to Wilda Wilberta White.

| <b>MARRIAGE DECLARATIONS.</b>   |  |
|---|--|
| MEINHART - THOMPSON — Charles E. Meinhart, 28, of Modesto, and Adrene P. Thompson, 24, of Sacramento. |  |
| TALBOT-WHITE — Oliver H. Talbot, 22, and Wilda W. White, 19, both of Sacramento.                      |  |
| GAINES-DADE — Virgile W. Gaines, 26, and Dorothy E. Dade, 23, both of Sacramento.                     |  |
| HOWELL-JAHNSEN — James Howell, 28, and Frances M. Jahnsen, 17, both of Sacramento.                    |  |
| TILLER-DRINKWITZ — Jess D. Tiller, 34, of Clarksburg, and Wilhelmina H. Drinkwitz, 24, of Sacramento. |  |
| OLIVERI - SUGAR — Louis Oliveri, 24, and Josephine Sugar, 18, both of Sacramento.                     |  |
| STEPHEN-S-STAFFORD — Alva E. Stephens, 42, and Marguerite B. Stafford, 22, both of Sacramento.        |  |

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<sup>126</sup> California, Death Index, 1940-1997, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2000, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/7220862:5180?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202358075805>, (accessed 31 Oct 2022).

U.S., *Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/161870037:60525?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202358075805>, (accessed 31 Oct 2022).

<sup>127</sup> U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947, National Archives at St. Louis; St. Louis, Missouri; WWII Draft Registration Cards for California, 10/16/1940-03/31/1947; Record Group: Records of the Selective Service System, 147; Box: 1774, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995\\_07\\_00032-01712?pid=18542666](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995_07_00032-01712?pid=18542666), (accessed 2 Nov 2022).

<sup>128</sup> 1920 United States Federal Census, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2010, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6061/images/4293832\\_01135?pid=3013785](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6061/images/4293832_01135?pid=3013785), (accessed 3 Nov 2022).

Their marriage in Sacramento was also listed in 1934 in the California County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records.<sup>130</sup> The 1940 U.S. Census recorded them living in a rented house, for \$15/month, at 4904 Baker Avenue, in Brighton Township, Sacramento County. They had been living there in 1935. They and their seven-month-old daughter, Wilberta, were listed as “W[hite].” Oliver (28) had completed grade eight, while Wilda reported having completed two years of high school. Oliver had worked as an “Elevator Operator” in a “Federal Building,” earning \$1320 in the previous year. Wilda, employed as a “Cook” in a “Restaurant,” had earned \$1092. Compared to their neighbours, they were very well off. Most households on their street had a single wage earner, many earning less than Oliver alone.<sup>131</sup>

The 1936 Voter Registration for Sacramento County listed “Talbot, Oliver H, driver, 727½ S Street.” Also, at that address was a “Taylor, Mrs. Mary, housewife.” [I have no idea who this is!] Both were “Dem[ocrats].”<sup>132</sup> The 1937 city directory had the following listing: “Talbot, Oliver H (Wilda) driver h rear 2014 H”.<sup>133</sup> By the time of the 1938 directory, Oliver and Wilda were living at 3119 McNeill Ct. Oliver had become a “restrwkr Wm Anthan,” at 1539 Alhambra Blvd.<sup>134</sup> The 1939 city directory listed them at “3117 Morrow Ct.”<sup>135</sup>

The 1940 directory showed Oliver’s occupation to be “cook Wm Anthan,” the same as did the 1940 U.S. Census.<sup>136</sup> The accuracy of the city directory data and 1940 census is questionable regarding where they were living. In the census, Wilda reported they had been

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<sup>129</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Bee, “Marriage Declarations,” page 5, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/617303661/?terms=%22Oliver%20Talbot%22&match=1>, (accessed 3 Nov 2022).

<sup>130</sup> *California, County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1849-1980*, book 83, page 160, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2017, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61460/images/47732\\_B354091-01724?pid=1160651](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61460/images/47732_B354091-01724?pid=1160651), (accessed 3 Nov 2022).

<sup>131</sup> *1940 United States Federal Census*, Brighton, Sacramento, California; Roll: m-t0627-00280; Page: 20A; Enumeration District: 34-18, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2442/images/m-t0627-00280-00656?pid=73465629>, (accessed 27 Nov 2022).

<sup>132</sup> *California, Voter Registrations, 1900-1968*, California State Library; Sacramento, California; Great Register of Voters, 1900-1968, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2017, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61066/images/sacramentocounty\\_11-0750b?pid=14673253](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61066/images/sacramentocounty_11-0750b?pid=14673253), (accessed 27 Nov 2022).

<sup>133</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1937, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3258072?pid=217470357>, (accessed 27 Nov 2022).

<sup>134</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1938, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3149518?pid=206337533>, (accessed 27 Nov 2022).

<sup>135</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1940, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3126265?pid=203995480>, (accessed 28 Nov 2022).

<sup>136</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1940, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3248701?pid=216703121>, (accessed 27 Nov 2022).

living at 4904 Baker Avenue, while the directories of '37, '38, and '39 recorded them at several other addresses.

In the 1942 city directory, they were residing at 1415 28<sup>th</sup> street. Oliver was listed as "cook SAD."<sup>137</sup> SAD = State Active Duty

The term "State active duty" means training or other duty, other than inactive duty, performed by a member of the National Guard of a State—(A) not under section 502 of title 32 or under title 10; (B) in service to the Governor of a State; and (C) for which the member is not entitled to pay from the Federal Government.<sup>138</sup>

On 18 Mar 1946, Wilda W. Talbot married Leonard H Setters in Carson City, Nevada.<sup>139</sup> This suggests that Oliver and Wilda may have divorced, though I have found no record of it.

The 1950 U.S. Census recorded Oliver H. Talbot (38), white, at 1417 20<sup>th</sup> Street in Sacramento, working 48 hours/week as a cook in a cafeteria. With him was a new wife, Irene (39), a full-time housewife, born in Illinois.<sup>140</sup> I found no record of their marriage. The 1953 Sacramento city directory listed the couple at the same address. Oliver was a cook at Superior Café.<sup>141</sup> The 1955 city directory had the same listing, but Oliver had become cook at the Old Tavern Café.<sup>142</sup> The 1961 city directory showed Oliver (a cook) and Irene were living at 1510 29<sup>th</sup> Street in Sacramento.<sup>143</sup> In the 1963 and 1964 directories, the listings were

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<sup>137</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1943, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3077979?pid=199197510>, (accessed 28 Nov 2022).

<sup>138</sup> *Legal Information Institute*, <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/38/4303#15>, (accessed 28 Nov 2022).

<sup>139</sup> *Carson City, Nevada, U.S., Marriage Index, 1855-1985*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/434598:60954?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202337581629>, (accessed 29 Nov 2022).

<sup>140</sup> *1950 United States Federal Census*, United States of America, Bureau of the Census; Washington, D.C.; Seventeenth Census of the United States, 1950; Record Group: Records of the Bureau of the Census, 1790-2007; Record Group Number: 29; Residence Date: 1950; Home in 1950: Sacramento, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2022, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/62308/images/43290879-California-101369-0012?pid=268287673>, (accessed 29 Nov 2022).

<sup>141</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1953, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3676793?pid=267022918>, (accessed 29 Nov 2022).

<sup>142</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1955, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3693701?pid=267826831>, (accessed 29 Nov 2022).

<sup>143</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1961, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0493-01209?pid=1420678031](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0493-01209?pid=1420678031), (accessed 29 Nov 2022).

the same.<sup>144</sup> The 1965 directory showed that Oliver had changed employers; he was a cook for “Bouquets.”<sup>145</sup>

The 1966 directory showed Oliver to be working for “Union.”<sup>146</sup> On 19 Dec 1966, his wife, Irene, died. The 1967 directory went to print with her name still listed with Oliver’s.<sup>147</sup>

**I Death Notices**

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**TALBOT, Irene — In this city December 19, 1966. Beloved wife of Oliver Talbot. A native of Ohio aged 55 years. Services SACRAMENTO MEMORIAL GARDEN CHAPEL Wednesday, 10 a.m. Cremation SACRAMENTO MEMORIAL LAWN.**

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<sup>144</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1963, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0494-01205?pid=1408405939](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0494-01205?pid=1408405939), (accessed 29 Nov 2022).

*U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1964, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0495-01178?pid=1432069200](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0495-01178?pid=1432069200), (accessed 29 Nov 2022).

<sup>145</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1965, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0496-01173?pid=1395370321](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0496-01173?pid=1395370321), (accessed 29 Nov 2022).

<sup>146</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1966, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0497-01157?pid=1418770706](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0497-01157?pid=1418770706), (accessed 29 Nov 2022).

<sup>147</sup> *U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989*, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1967, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0499-01079?pid=1426624509](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0499-01079?pid=1426624509), (accessed 29 Nov 2022).

<sup>148</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Bee, “Death Notices,” 20 Dec 1966, Page B8, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/619192445/?terms=Irene%20Talbot&match=1/>, (accessed 29 Nov 2022).

Oliver died 5 Sep 1968. His obituary named his wife as Coy L. Talbot.<sup>149</sup> Her maiden name was Lurlyn Coy Lee Shield. Oliver was her fourth husband of a lifetime history of five.

## I Death Notices

**TALBOT**—In this city, Sept. 5, 1968,  
Oliver H. Talbot, beloved husband  
of Coy L. Talbot of this city. A  
member of Cooks, Pastry Cooks and  
Pantrymens Local No. 683. A na-  
tive of California, aged 56 years.  
Friends are respectfully invited to  
attend the funeral Monday after-  
noon at 2 o'clock from THE A. J.  
NICOLETTI FUNERAL HOME, cor-  
ner 54th and Folsom Blvd. Inter-  
ment Sacramento Memorial Lawn.

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Oliver Harold Talbot and Wilda Wilberta White had the following child:

13. (i) Wilberta Elaine (1939).

### 6. (vi) Aileen Fern Talbot (1913 - ?):

(John Henry, Lorenzo Talbot, Unknown Brewster)

Aileen was born 2 Sep 1913 in Sacramento County, California.<sup>151</sup> At the time of the 1920 U.S. Census, Aileen was six years old. Everyone in the family was listed as white.<sup>152</sup>

On 22 Dec 1923, Aileen's name appeared in the Sacramento Star newspaper as a performer in a school Christmas program, at which Aileen (9) and a partner gave a recitation about Kriss Kringle. Her brother, Albert William (13) (may also have been on the program as part of a "home made Santa Claus playlet."

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<sup>149</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Bee, "Death Notices," 7 Sep 1968, Page 39, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/619240837/>, (accessed 29 Nov 2022).

<sup>150</sup> *U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/44819326:60901?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202337834095>, (accessed 29 Nov 2022).

*Texas, Birth Certificates, 1903-1932*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2013, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2275/images/33153\\_B061462-06449?pid=1567953](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2275/images/33153_B061462-06449?pid=1567953), (accessed 29 Nov 2022).

<sup>151</sup> *California Birth Index, 1905-1995*, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2005, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/437999:5247?ssrc=pt&tid=90286938&pid=162067933693>, (accessed 30 Nov 2022).

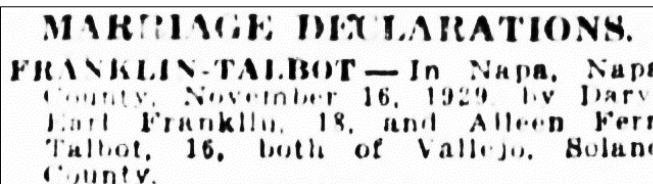
<sup>152</sup> *1920 United States Federal Census*, Sacramento Assembly District 15, Sacramento, California, Op. cit.

Through the efforts of local merchants, Parent-Teacher associations and North Sacramento residents, nearly 200 children in the district were made happy with a Christmas tree and treats. The following program was enjoyed: Song by school; Santa Claus recitation, by Leona Woods, Sam MacReynolds, Maxie Knopp and Brooks Jennings; Christmas Day recitation, Grace Knopp, Nellie Roberts and Lottie Lucero; home made Santa Claus playlet, Fred

Davis, Evelyn Lucero, Edith Hensley, Margaret Redding, Leola Allen, Florence MacReynolds, Ethel Thompson, Edw. Davis, Billy Talbot, Frank Henry, Chester Coy and Nevell King; Kriss Kringle recitation, Aileen Talbot and a Pnsy Hensley; recitation, Christmas Bells, Adeline Chisum and Dorothy Shirley; song by school; recitation, Christmas in the North, Lora Folen; Mollie Platt presented two silk flags to the two school rooms; response, Leona Woods.

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On 16 Nov 1929, Aileen (16) married Daryl Earl Franklin (18) in Napa County, California.



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The 1930 census recorded the newlywed couple renting a house at 442 Illinois in Vallejo, Solano, California, for \$15 a month. They were both listed as “neg[ro]” having “attended school.” Daryl was working as a “pipe fitter” in a “ship yard.”<sup>155</sup>

The 1935 city directory recorded the couple living at 721 Indiana. Daryl was a pipe fitter at the “Navy Yd.”<sup>156</sup>

By the time of the 1940 census, two children had been added: Daryleen (8), and Helen (6). They were living in a modest home they owned at 721 Indiana Street, Vallejo City, valued at \$2700. Most of their neighbours were renting. They had also been at that address in 1935. The family was listed as “neg[ro].” As to education, Daryl (28) had completed two years of high school, Aileen (26) - three years, and Daryleen had finished grade two. Daryl was working as a pipe fitter in a navy shipyard. He had earned \$1908 in the previous year. Aileen was a housekeeper.<sup>157</sup>

<sup>153</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Star, “Personals: North Sacramento,” 22 Dec 1923, Page 10, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/606620967/?terms=%22Aileen%20Talbot%22&match=1/>, (accessed 1 Dec 2022).

<sup>154</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Star, “Marriage Declarations,” 19 Nov 1929, Page 8, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/617092702/?terms=%22Aileen%20Talbot%22&match=1>, (accessed 1 Dec 2022).

<sup>155</sup> 1930 United States Federal Census, Vallejo, Solano, California; Page: 16B; Enumeration District: 0027; FHL microfilm: 2339956, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2002, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6224/images/4532368\\_00206?pid=17036647](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6224/images/4532368_00206?pid=17036647), (accessed 2 Dec 2022).

<sup>156</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995, Vallejo, California, City Directory, 1935, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3643222?pid=264489503>, (accessed 2 Dec 2022).

<sup>157</sup> 1940 United States Federal Census, Vallejo, Solano, California; Roll: m-t0627-00348; Page: 1A; Enumeration District: 48-29, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2012,

On 16 Oct 1940, Daryl (29) registered for the WWII draft. He gave his address and that of his wife Aileen as "520 Springs Road, Vallejo Solan [sic] Cal." His employer was "U.S. Government" at "Shop 56 Mare Island Solano Cal." He was described as Negro, 5 ft 11 in, 205 lb, with black eyes, black hair, and black complexion.

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|---|--|--|
| SERIAL NUMBER<br>2262   | 1. NAME (Print)<br>DARYL EARLE FRANKLIN                                | ORDER NUMBER<br>1901                             |
| 2. ADDRESS (Print)<br>520 SPRINGS ROAD  | VALLEJO SOLAN CAL.<br>(Town)   |  |
| 3. TELEPHONE  | 4. AGE IN YEARS<br>29  | 5. PLACE OF BIRTH<br>VALLEJO<br>(Town or County) |
|   | DATE OF BIRTH<br>May 8 1911  | (State or country)<br>SALONA CAL.                |
| 7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS<br>MRS. AILEN FERN FRANKLIN WISE                              | 8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON   | U.S.A.   |
| 9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON<br>520 Springs Rd.  | VALLEJO SALANO CAL.  |  |
| 10. EMPLOYER'S NAME<br>U.S. GOVERNMENT  | 11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS<br>SHOP 56 MARE ISLAND SOLANO CAL. |  |
| I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.<br>Daryl Franklin<br>(Registrant's signature) |  |  |
| REGISTRATION CARD<br>D. S. S. Form 1<br>(over)  |  | 10-17106   |

| REGISTRAR'S REPORT   |                                   | DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT           |  |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| RACE<br>White  | HEIGHT<br>5'-11                   | WEIGHT<br>205                       | COMPLEXION<br>Sallow   |
| Black  | EYES<br>Blue                      | HAIR<br>Blonde                      | Light  |
| Negro  | Grey                              | Red                                 | Dark   |
| Oriental   | Hazel                             | Brown                               | Freckled   |
| Indian   | Brown                             | Black                               | X  |
| Pioblio  | Black                             | Light brown                         | Dark brown   |
|  |                                   | Grey                                | Black  |
|  |                                   | Bald                                |  |
|  |                                   |                                     |  |
| Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.  |                                   |                                     |  |
| <p>I certify that my answers are true that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of my answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:</p> <p><i>Posetta M. Drast</i><br/>Signature of registrant<br/>Date of registration<br/>10-16-1940<br/>Local Board No. 48<br/>Vallejo, Calif.</p> |                                   |                                     |  |
| Registrant for<br>20   | Place of residence<br>SOLANO CAL. | Date of registration<br>Oct 16 1940 | 10-17106<br>(Stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in this above space) |
| SELECTIVE SERVICE<br>LOCAL BOARD NO. 48<br>VALLEJO, CALIF.   |                                   |                                     |  |

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The 1942 Vallejo California City Directory listed Aileen and Daryl living at 520 Sulphur Springs Road. Daryl was employed as a pipe fitter at the Navy Yard.<sup>159</sup>

<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2442/images/m-t0627-00348-00006?pid=71998401>,  
(accessed 2 Dec 2022).

<sup>158</sup> U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947, National Archives at St. Louis; St. Louis, Missouri; WWII Draft Registration Cards for California, 10/16/1940-03/31/1947; Record Group: Records of the Selective Service System, 147; Box: 600, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995\\_04\\_00085-01998?pid=107898062](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995_04_00085-01998?pid=107898062), (accessed 2 Dec 2022).

<sup>159</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, Vallejo, California, City Directory, 1942, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1020601537\\_1040-00147?pid=1425352167](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1020601537_1040-00147?pid=1425352167), (accessed 21 Jan 2023).

The 1950 U.S. Census recorded Daryl Franklin (39), pipefitter, living in San Francisco with wife, Ruth M (29).<sup>160</sup> This implies that he and Aileen Fern were no longer married; I found no divorce record for Aileen and Daryl.

I found no further records for Aileen, especially no record of her death.

Aileen Fern Talbot and Daryl Earle Franklin had the following children:

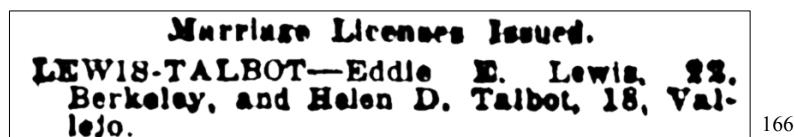
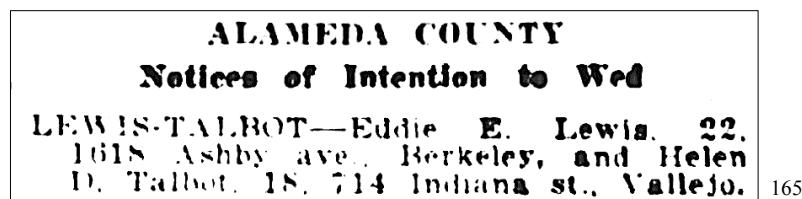
13. (i) Daryleen Fern (1931),
14. (ii) Helen Lorraine (1933).

### **7. (vii) Helen Dorothy Talbot (1915):**

(John Henry, Lorenzo Talbot, Unknown Brewster)

Helen was born 30 Sep 1915 in Sacramento, California.<sup>161</sup> The 1920 U.S. Census (Sacramento) listed her as Helen Talbert, age 4 years 3 months, the seventh child of John Henry (50) and Bertha (35). The entire family was listed as white.<sup>162</sup> The 1930 census showed her at age 15, living with her family in San Joaquin, Sacramento County. There were only four children listed, John (22), Helen (15), "Jimmie" (11), and "Elmer" (9).<sup>163</sup>

On 24 Dec 1934, Helen married Edward Ernest Lewis in Oakland, Alameda county, California.<sup>164</sup>



<sup>160</sup> 1950 United States Federal Census, San Francisco, San Francisco, California, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2022, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/267367540:62308?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202337576894>, (accessed 21 Jan 2023).

<sup>161</sup> California Birth Index, 1905-1995, Sacramento County, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2005, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/536912:5247?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202323440379>, (accessed 21 Jan 2023).

<sup>162</sup> 1920 United States Federal Census, Sacramento Assembly District 15, Sacramento, California, Op. cit.

<sup>163</sup> 1930 United States Federal Census, San Joaquin, Sacramento, California; Op. cit.

<sup>164</sup> California, Marriage Records from Select Counties, 1850-1941, Book 212, Page 453, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8797/images/42292\\_1020601537\\_1461-00290?pid=2064031](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8797/images/42292_1020601537_1461-00290?pid=2064031), (accessed 24 Jan 2023).

<sup>165</sup> Newspapers.com, The San Francisco Examiner, "Notices of intention to Wed," 21 Dec 34, Page 21, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/457496524/?terms=%22helen%20d.%20talbot%22%20&match=1>, (accessed 4 Mar 2023).

In 1935, they were living in Oakland at 3429 Louise Street, rented for \$20/month according to the 1940 U.S. census.<sup>167</sup> Eddie's occupation was listed as "laborer, WPA construction."

The Works Progress Administration (WPA) was an ambitious employment and infrastructure program created by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1935, during the bleakest days of the Great Depression. Over its eight years of existence, the WPA put roughly 8.5 million Americans to work building schools, hospitals, roads and other public works. Perhaps best known for its public works projects, the WPA also sponsored projects in the arts—the agency employed tens of thousands of actors, musicians, writers and other artists.<sup>168</sup>

The 1937 Oakland City Directory listed them as "Lewis Edw E (Helen) cook h1743 Russel B." This suggest that Eddie was employed as a cook.<sup>169</sup>

On 16 Oct 1940, "Edward Ernest Lewis Jr." (28) registered for the U.S. military draft. At the time they were living at 3285 Hannah Street, Oakland, Alameda, California. Edward was an employee of the "Moose Club." He was described as Negro, 5' 8" tall, 143½ lb, of black complexion, with black eyes and black hair, having a scar on his right arm.<sup>170</sup>

The 1940 U.S. census recorded Eddie Louis [sic] (28) and wife Helen (23) living at 3429 Louise Street. Helen provided the data. Eddie had completed grade 10 and Helen, grade 11 of high school. Their three children, Edward (4), Calvin (2) and "Valeire" (1), [*most likely Valerie*], were of pre-school age. Eddie was employed by the W.P.A as a construction worker. Helen was a homemaker. With them were two lodgers, "Joe Bill" (25), a laborer, and "Loyd [sic] Davis" (26), a waiter. All the occupants were recorded as "Neg[ro]."<sup>171</sup>

In the 1941 Oakland City Directory, the listing read "Lewis Edw (Helen) cook h3285 Hannah"<sup>172</sup>

At the time of the 1950 census, Edward (38) and Helen (32) were still living in Oakland, now at 826 Cypress Street in apartment A. Edward was working as a cook in a

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<sup>166</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The San Francisco Examiner, "Marriage Licenses [sic] Issued," 27 Dec 34, Page 19, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/457532546/?article=b8c63e4c-f925-4d45-ac09-188e2b270be0>, (accessed 4 Mar 2023).

<sup>167</sup> 1940 United States Federal Census, *Oakland, Alameda, California*, Roll: m-t0627-00442; Page: 3B; Enumeration District: 61-87, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2442/images/m-t0627-00442-00494?pid=74730898> (accessed 24 Jan 2023).

<sup>168</sup> *H(istory Channel)*, "Works Progress Administration (WPA)", <https://www.history.com/topics/great-depression/works-progress-administration>, (accessed 24 Jan 2023).

<sup>169</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Oakland, California, City Directory, 1937*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3502981?pid=250913601>, (accessed 24 Jan 2023).

<sup>170</sup> U.S., *World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995\\_05\\_00162-01862?pid=108256343](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995_05_00162-01862?pid=108256343), (accessed 24 Jan 2023).

<sup>171</sup> 1940 United States Federal Census, *Oakland, Alameda, California*, Op. cit.

<sup>172</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1821-1989, Oakland, California, City Directory, 1941*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3510527?pid=252172868>, (accessed 5 Mar 2023).

restaurant and Helen was a homemaker. Their family had grown by one, a daughter, Francine, now ten. The older children were Edward (13), Calvin (12), and Valerie (10).<sup>173</sup>

The 1961 Sacramento city directory has this listing “Lewis Helen D. Mrs waitress Hazel’s Club r1825 Merkle av (WS)”<sup>174</sup>

In the 1963 City Directory lists “Lewis Helen D Mrs waitress Hazel’s club r1825 Merkle av (W[est] S[acramento])”<sup>175</sup> Where was Edward?

There is a listing in the California Death Index for Helen D. Lewis, born 30 Sep 1918, who died 24 Jan 1972 in Alameda county.<sup>176</sup>

Helen Dorothy Talbot and Edward Ernest Lewis had the following children:

15. (i) Edward Ernest Jr. (1936),
16. (ii) Calvin Jerome (1937),
17. (iii) Valerie (1939),
18. (iv) Francine (1940).

#### 8. (viii) James Wesley Talbot (1917):

(John Henry, Lorenzo Talbot, Unknown Brewster)



Signature from 1940 draft registration card

According to his Social Security records, James was born 30 Oct 1917 in Sacramento, California.<sup>177</sup> When he registered for the draft on 16 Oct 1940, he gave his date of birth as 31 Oct 1918.<sup>178</sup>

James was likely named after his father's brother, the late James Wesley Talbot (1859-1903). Our James died 5 Nov 2006, a mere three years after his namesake.<sup>179</sup>

<sup>173</sup> 1950 United States Federal Census, Oakland, Alameda, California, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2022, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/62308/images/43290879-California-229860-0026?pid=257488874>, (accessed 5 Feb 2023).

<sup>174</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1961, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0493-00801?pid=1420679941](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0493-00801?pid=1420679941), (accessed 5 Feb 2023).

<sup>175</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1963, Page 580, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0494-00799?pid=1408266842](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0494-00799?pid=1408266842), (accessed 5 Feb 2023).

<sup>176</sup> California, Death Index, 1940-1997, Social Security: 549 144 211, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2000, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/12337471:5180?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202323440379>, (accessed 6 Mar 2023).

<sup>177</sup> U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/78636960:3693?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202323440380>, (accessed 6 Mar 2023).

<sup>178</sup> U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947, National Archives at St. Louis; St. Louis, Missouri; WWII Draft Registration Cards for California, 10/16/1940-03/31/1947; Record Group: Records of the Selective Service System, 147; Box: 1774, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995\\_07\\_00032-01644?pid=18542632](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995_07_00032-01644?pid=18542632), (accessed 6 Mar 2023).

At age two he was listed in the 1920 U.S. Census in Sacramento.<sup>180</sup> In the 1930 census at age eleven, "Jimmie" was attending school.<sup>181</sup> According to the 1940 census, in 1935 James (20) had been living with his parents, and brothers John Jr. (32) and Elmo (19), at "Rt 1, 1651" in San Joaquin township, Sacramento county. They were still there in 1940.<sup>182</sup>

The 1938 Sacramento city directory showed that James, a gardener, was living with his parents and brother John Henry Jr, at 3947 Terminal Avenue.<sup>183</sup> His listing in the 1939 directory was unchanged, but his brother John was listed as a chauffeur, and brothers William and Elmo, also chauffeurs, had moved into the family home.<sup>184</sup> The 1940 directory showed James to be living with his parents at the same address.<sup>185</sup>

In the 1940 U.S. Census, James was living in the household of his parents at Route 1 Box 1651 in San Joaquin, Sacramento County.<sup>186</sup> That was the same address he gave when he registered for the draft on 16 Oct 1940. He named his employer as William H. Lugg, at the State Library, 9<sup>th</sup> & N streets. A notation on his card reading "According to Questionnaire and physical report, this applicant is French Canadian." His initial description as Negro was changed to White. He was also described as 5 ft 4 in, 132 lb, brown eyes, black hair, light brown complexion, with a scar on the back of his neck.

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|---|---|--|
| SERIAL NUMBER<br><b>1352</b>  | 1. NAME (Print)<br><b>JAMES WESTLEY TALBOT</b><br>(First) (Middle) (Last)   | ORDER NUMBER<br><b>1509 1509</b>                           |
| 2. ADDRESS (Print)<br><b>ROUTE ONE BOX 1651 SACRAMENTO, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA</b><br>(Number and street or P. O. Box number) (Town) (County) (State)                           |   |  |
| 3. TELEPHONE<br><b>COP 7713 W</b>   | 4. AGE IN YEARS<br><b>22</b>  | 5. PLACE OF BIRTH<br><b>SACRAMENTO</b><br>(Town or county) |
| 6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP<br><b>U. S. A.</b>  | 7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS<br><b>M.R. JOHN HENRY TALBOT</b><br>(Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last) |  |
| 8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON<br><b>Father</b>   |   |  |
| 9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON<br><b>ROUTE ONE Box 1651 Sacramento, Sacramento Calif.</b><br>(Number and street or P. O. Box number) (Town) (County) (State)                         |   |  |
| 10. EMPLOYER'S NAME<br><b>WILLIAM H. LUGG</b>   |   |  |
| 11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS<br><b>STATE LIBRARY 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; N Streets SACRAMENTO, CALIF</b><br>(Number and street or P. O. Box number) (Town) (County) (State) |   |  |
| I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.<br><br>REGISTRATION CARD<br>D. S. S. Form 1<br>(over) 10-17105<br><br><i>James Talbot</i> (Signature)       |   |  |

<sup>179</sup> U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/78636960:3693?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202323440380>, (accessed 6 Mar 2023).

<sup>180</sup> 1920 United States Federal Census, Sacramento Assembly District 15, Sacramento, California, Op. cit.

<sup>181</sup> 1930 United States Federal Census, San Joaquin, Sacramento, California; Op. cit.

<sup>182</sup> 1940 United States Federal Census, San Joaquin, Sacramento, California, Op. cit.

<sup>183</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1938, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3149518?pid=206337528>, (accessed 6 Mar 2023).

<sup>184</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1939, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3126265?pid=203995472>, (accessed 6 Mar 2023).

<sup>185</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1940, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3248701?pid=216703115>, (accessed 26 Jul 2023).

<sup>186</sup> 1940 United States Federal Census, San Joaquin, Sacramento, California, Op. cit.

| REGISTRAR'S REPORT        |                    |                    |             |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT |                    |                    |             |
| RACE                      | HEIGHT<br>(Inches) | WEIGHT<br>(Pounds) | COMPLEXION  |
| White                     | X                  | 5'-4"              | Sallow      |
| Negro                     | (X)                |                    | Hair:       |
| Blue                      |                    |                    | Light       |
| Gray                      |                    |                    | Ruddy       |
| Hazel                     |                    |                    | Dark        |
| Brown                     | X                  |                    | Freckled    |
| Black                     |                    |                    | Light brown |
| Gold                      |                    |                    | Dark brown  |
|                           |                    |                    | Black       |

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....

*Same as back of neck.*

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has told or has had told to him his answers that I have witnessed his signature on this mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Signature of registrant \_\_\_\_\_  
*Mrs. Bertha Patterson*  
(Signature of registrant)  
 (Signature of witness)  
 (Signature of witness)

Date of registration DEC 31 1940  
OLD DELTA P. & T. CO., BIRM.

DEC 31 1940

COURT-APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT CO.

The name of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant \_\_\_\_\_  
 shall be placed in the above spaces

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James' enlistment record contained the following data:

|                          |                                      |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Name                     | James W Tabot                        |
| Race                     | White                                |
| Marital Status           | Single, without dependents (Single)  |
| Rank                     | Private                              |
| Birth Year               | 1918                                 |
| Nativity State or County | California                           |
| Citizenship              | Citizen                              |
| Residence                | Sacramento, California               |
| Education                | 2 years of high school               |
| Enlistment Date          | 10 Oct 1941                          |
| Enlistment Place         | Sacramento, California               |
| Service Number           | 38062863                             |
| Branch                   | Branch: Immortal - Warrant Officers. |
| Component                | Selectees (Enlisted Men)             |
| Source                   | Civil Life                           |
| Height                   | 63                                   |
| Weight                   | 124                                  |

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In the 1963 Sacramento City Directory, James was listed as a stock clerk for the State Library, living with his wife, Susan M. at 4740 Baker.<sup>189</sup> Susan's find-a-grave burial record

<sup>187</sup> U.S., *World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947*, National Archives at St. Louis; St. Louis, Missouri; WWII Draft Registration Cards for California, 10/16/1940-03/31/1947; Record Group: Records of the Selective Service System, 147; Box: 1774, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995\\_07\\_00032-01644?pid=18542632](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995_07_00032-01644?pid=18542632), (accessed 26 Jul 2023).

<sup>188</sup> U.S., *World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946*, National Archives at College Park; College Park, Maryland, USA; Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File, 1938-1946; NAID: 1263923; Record Group Title: Records of the National Archives and Records Administration, 1789-ca. 2007; Record Group: 64, 2005, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1692859.8939?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202323440380>, (accessed 27 Jul 2023).

<sup>189</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1962-1963*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0494-01205?pid=1408403685](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0494-01205?pid=1408403685), (accessed 29 Jul 2023).

states that they married in 1963.<sup>190</sup> The 1964 directory recorded he and Susan at 5811 on 66<sup>th</sup> Street. His occupation was clerk at the State Department of Education.<sup>191</sup> The entry in the 1965 directory was identical.<sup>192</sup> The same data was in the 1966 directory.<sup>193</sup> And the 1967 directory.<sup>194</sup> And the 1970 one.<sup>195</sup> And 1971.<sup>196</sup> And 1972.<sup>197</sup> In the 1975, he was listed as a stock clerk at the State library, still living at the same address.<sup>198</sup> 1976 directory, ditto.<sup>199</sup> 1977, same.<sup>200</sup> In the 1978 directory, James was listed as retired, living at the same address.<sup>201</sup>

In 1979, I found a grave listing for “Susan May Webb Webb-Skaggs Talbot,” born 15 May 1915, at Clarkson, Grayson County, Kentucky. She was buried in the Sunset Lawn Chapel of the Chimes Memorial Park. There is a notation that “James’ name is on headstone, but he is interred elsewhere [sic].”<sup>202</sup>

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<sup>190</sup> U.S., *Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 202, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/163572916/susan-m-talbot>, (accessed 29 Jul 2023).

<sup>191</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1963-1964*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0495-01178?pid=1432061883](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0495-01178?pid=1432061883), (accessed 29 Jul 2023).

<sup>192</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1965*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0496-01173?pid=1395364184](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0496-01173?pid=1395364184), (accessed 29 Jul 2023).

<sup>193</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1966*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0497-01157?pid=1418768004](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0497-01157?pid=1418768004), (accessed 29 Jul 2023).

<sup>194</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1967*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0499-01079?pid=1426618463](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0499-01079?pid=1426618463), (accessed 29 Jul 2023).

<sup>195</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1970*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0501-00933?pid=1417816302](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0501-00933?pid=1417816302), (accessed 29 Jul 2023).

<sup>196</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1971*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0502-00978?pid=1379722490](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0502-00978?pid=1379722490), (accessed 29 Jul 2023).

<sup>197</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1972*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0503-01000?pid=1433587452](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0503-01000?pid=1433587452), (accessed 29 Jul 2023).

<sup>198</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1975*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0457-01018?pid=1450015073](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0457-01018?pid=1450015073), (accessed 29 Jul 2023).

<sup>199</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1976*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0488-01033?pid=1407317438](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0488-01033?pid=1407317438), (accessed 29 Jul 2023).

<sup>200</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1977*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0489-01109?pid=1440750037](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0489-01109?pid=1440750037), (accessed 29 Jul 2023).

<sup>201</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1978*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0490-01014?pid=1397013051](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0490-01014?pid=1397013051), (accessed 29 Jul 2023).

<sup>202</sup> U.S., *Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/163572916/susan-m-talbot>, (accessed 29 Jul 2023).



In 1982, James was recorded in the U.S. Public Records Index as living at 7729 Whispering Palms Dr., Sacramento. This record also has a 1993 second address listing of 5935 Auburn Blvd, Citrus Heights, California.<sup>203</sup>

James Wesley Talbot, SSN 572-03-3535, died on 5 Nov 2006.<sup>204</sup> He was buried in Sierra Hills Memorial Park, Sacramento, CA.<sup>205</sup>

James Wesley Talbot and Susan May Webb had no children.

#### 9. (ix) Elmo Lincoln Talbot (1921-2006)):

(John Henry, Lorenzo Talbot, Unknown Brewster)

*Elmo Lincoln Talbot*

Signature from 1940 draft registration card

Elmo Lincoln Talbot was born 26 Jan 1921 according to the California Birth Index, where his name was transcribed as "Elmore Talbot."<sup>206</sup> He would later give his full name as Elmo Lincoln Talbot when he registered for the WWII draft.<sup>207</sup>

In October 1927, when he was six, Elmo was hit by a car.

<sup>203</sup> U.S. *Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 1*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010, <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/71322150/person/202323440380/facts>, (accessed 29 Jul 2023).

<sup>204</sup> U.S. *Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/78636960:3693?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202323440380>, (accessed 31 Jul 2023).

<sup>205</sup> U.S., *Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/153591990/james-wesley-talbot>, (accessed 31 Jul 2023).

<sup>206</sup> California Birth Index, 1905-1995, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2005, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/912321:5247?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202323440381>, (accessed 1 Aug 2023).

<sup>207</sup> U.S. *WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947*, National Archives at St. Louis; St. Louis, Missouri; WWII Draft Registration Cards for California, 10/16/1940-03/31/1947; Record Group: Records of the Selective Service System, 147; Box: 1774, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995\\_07\\_00032-01570?pid=18542595](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995_07_00032-01570?pid=18542595), (accessed 1 Aug 2023).

## Drivers Of Automobiles Report Striking Children

Robert Dundas, candidate for city councilman and former traffic captain of police, and G. P. Beere, proprietor of a grocery store at 1858 Forty-eighth Street, reported to Detective George Kaminsky last night that they were the drivers of the automobiles that struck and injured Elmer Talbot, 6, and Lee Anne Manby, 19 months old, respectively, last Wednesday.

While both men complied with the law by stopping and rendering aid following the accidents they failed, however, to divulge their names. They explained their failure to give their names at the time of the accident as an oversight and not an attempt to conceal their

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He was recorded in the 1930 U.S. Census as "Elmer," a nine-year-old, white student in the household of his parents at 197 – 24<sup>th</sup> avenue, San Joaquin, CA, born in California of a "French-Canadian" father.<sup>209</sup>

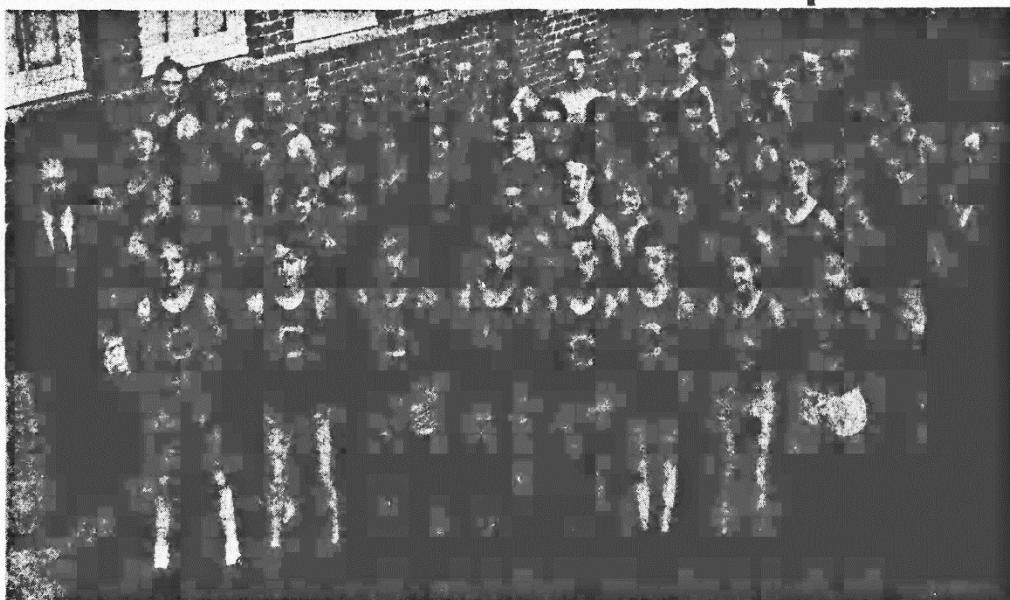
In 1937, as a high school student, *The Sacramento Bee* newspaper reported that Elmo was involved in track and field, and football.

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<sup>208</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Bee, 14 Oct 1927, Page 31,  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/616945316/?terms=%22Talbot%22%20&match=1>,  
(accessed 22 August 2023).

<sup>209</sup> 1930 United States Federal Census, San Joaquin, Sacramento, California; Page: 10B; Enumeration District: 0100; Op. cit.

## C Stands For California And Track Champions



Youthful athletes of the California Junior High School last week except all opposition aside as they sped to victory in the events of the annual junior high school track and field meet here.

The youthful track and field stars of the future in the above picture are:

First row, left to right: Daniel Foy, Clem Whitsaker, Harry Kinura, Louis Chapman, Herman Paschane, Tom Purvis,

Bert Freeman and Robert Sheid.

Second row, left to right: Harry Coleman, coach, Dutch McWilliams, Keiji Kubo, Allen Shearer, Ralph Crook, Tots Tominaga, Elmo Talbot, George

Matsuji, Jack Knight, Junior Lorain, Burnett Miller, Frank Yamaoka, Eddie Blaney, Robert Wilson, Reid Flynn, Tom Roberts and C. B. Wilson, coach.

Third row, left to right: Louis Montfort, John Shouye, David Kawai, Nick Prevulos, Earl Mendonsa, George Buijan, Richard Gates, Bob Boulding, Albert Lazarone, Bert Bonomo, Gus Economou, Jack Stavros, John Macedo and Edward Devine.

Gordon Hampton, Bob Howell, Bill Moodel, Earl Martin, Robert Schultz, Bill Hechtman, Alfred Allen, Don Craig, Sam Weller, Hauen Shouer, Leland Martir, Douglas Frame, Frank Scofield and Tom Birmingham. Bee Photo

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## First Football Signup Is Held At New School

Prospective Gridders Register With Mentor Frank Alustiza

The first football signup for the new C. K. McClatchy High School was held yesterday by Coach Frank Alustiza and the initial registrations brought a smile to the former University of Stanford griddler.

Fifty six boys registered for the A squad and will be given their first drill in William Land Park tomorrow night with Alustiza and Chauncey Wilson directing the activities.

### B Eleven Planned

Forty one young gridders signed for the B eleven. Alustiza announced yesterday the B eleven will play a regular schedule as well as the A team.

Until the C. K. McClatchy School's football field is put in shape the practice sessions of the team will be staged at William Land Park.

The football uniforms will be regulation moleskins, with red jerseys trimmed in white with numbers both on the front and back. The sweat shirts also will be red and white.

### Gridders Are Listed

The signup follows:

#### Class A

Jack McClure, Arthur Nicholas, Bill Packard, Frank Freburg, Henry Costanzo, Lewis Sale, Charles MacArthur, Walter Wilder, Harry Terrell, Jr., James Skarles, Bill Nevis, Harold Hendricks, George Kamilio, Leo Fahn, Jack Suher, Don McNellis, Elwood Bennett, John O'Leary, Charles Beck, Louis De Bernardi, Robert Soules, Pete Makiney, Jack Turpen, Jack Fields, Selby Lewis, Joe Marty, Arthur Kattenborn, Roy K. Schardin, Jr., Elwin Burns, Elmer Fox, Jim Hoyle, Greg Winters, Jack Sellers, Beverly Hunt, Henry Jensen, Lloyd Lovquist, Paul Knutson, Ray Schardin, Ted Forbes, Bob Libbey, Ray Howell, John Ures, Elwood Rhodes, Bruce Allen, Ty McClintock, Edward West, Tom Goff, Dan Murchison, Jim Sopwith, George Heffelfinger, Bill Grady, Elmer Jeffries, Doug Martin, Lowell De Vaut, Dawson Winter and Bob Lavine.

#### Class B

Arthur Kessler, Jim Tahucchi, Don Craig, Louis Montfort, Bob Goulding, Bill Moody, Jack Bersell, Ed Devine, Lester Tibbals, Mel Pappa, Marchiano Akkava, Tony Marcia, Gus Economou, Elmo Talbot, Keith Hammond, Bob Stine, Jack Stavros, Earl Lavine, John Ciccarelli, Louis Farla, David Kawae, Carl McCrillis, Lester Silva, Roy Rossi, Leonard Shannon, Earl Mendonsa, John Macedo, Hank Paschane, Earl Martin, Sam Weller, Allan Rouse, Earle Russell, Elwyn Houx, Warren Bacher, Howard Wise, Harold Wiener, Newton Cope, Norman McGee, Martin Lager, Al Howell and Reid Flynn.

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<sup>210</sup> Newspapers.com, The Sacramento Bee, 22 May 1937, Page 29,  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/617248657/?terms=%22Talbot%22%20&match=1>,  
 (accessed 22 August 2023).

**Football Candidates For City's Newest Gridiron Group**



*Although the C. K. McClatchy High School is new, when the Sacramento Bee's Cameraman took the football squad picture several veterans who have played in fast competition were noticeable among the large collection of gridiron candidates.*

*Coach Frank Alustiza greeted his footballers for the first time this week at the Freeport Boulevard institution. Those in the above picture follow:*

*Front row, left to right, Bill Sisson, Bill Nevis, Pete Kakela, John Ures, Jack Ballantine, Jack McClure, Jack Turpen, Jack Suber, Edwin Burns, Bill Cole, George Rainone, Don Rinella, Douglas Martin, Jim Hoyle, Dawson Winter, Martin Lager, Ted Forbes, Harry Terrell, Jr., Laten Tibbals, Louis Faria, and Ernest Bourne.*

*Second row, left to right, Leonard Shannon, Frank McEuen, Jack Sellers, Bob Soules, Lloyd Doyal, Albert Hubert, Elmer Jeffries, Edward West, Bill Grady, Bob LaVine, Greg Winter, Artie Williams, Arthur Nicholas, Dan Murchison, Ray Howell, Bob Libbee, Leo Fahn, Bill Conley, Earl Kavene, Arthur Kessler, Earl Lavine, Bert Bonomi, Jack Stavros, Mitt Yamada, Sam Weller, Garner Long, Edward Devine, Whylie Howell, Roy Rossi, Elmo Talbot, Beverly Hunt, Raymond Schardt, George Kamlos, Roy Schatz, Charles McArthur, Earl Martin, John O'Gorman, Al Rodriguez, Bob Goulding, Arthur Kattenhorn, Coach Jack Mauger, Coach Chauncey Wilson, and Coach Bill Hallauer.*

*Third row, left to right, Coach Alustiza, John Hansen, Lawrence Crase, Norman McGee, Charles Wilde, Jim Soupath, Bill Burdick, David Kavene, Arthur Kessler, Earl Lavine, Bert Bonomi, Jack Stavros, Mitt Yamada, Sam Weller, Garner Long, Edward Devine, Whylie Howell, Roy Rossi, Elmo Talbot, Beverly Hunt, Raymond Schardt, George Kamlos, Roy Schatz, Charles McArthur, Earl Martin, John O'Gorman, Al Rodriguez, Bob Goulding, Arthur Kattenhorn, Coach Jack Mauger, Coach Chauncey Wilson, and Coach Bill Hallauer.*

*Fourth row, left to right, Bob Houz, Bill Moody, Gus Economou, Marciano Agrava, Henry Costanzo, Carl McGrillis, Pete Makiney, Bruce Allen and Bill Packard.*

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## Advance Track Signup Is Held At New School

Coach Jack Mauger is a busy young man these days at the C. K. McClatchy High School.

While tutoring the Class C basketballers at the Lions' school he also has been conducting a track signup in order to get a line on the young men who will represent the Red and White on the cinder paths next Spring.

Mauger, who was a pole vaulter at the Sacramento Junior College and the University of California, was pleased with the advance list of athletes enrolled. Mauger is a former Panther track captain.

**The signup follows:**

Jimmie Green, Bob Turpen, Leland Martyr, Charles Hull, Francis Napoli, Art Nicholas, George Wanner, Charles Beck, Jack Grace, Allan Rouse, Pete Rakela, James Michael, Art Williams, Jim Hoyle, Sol Rosenberg, Glenn Pfahl, Lewis Sale, Elmer Fox, George Rainone, Mel Stover, Carl Springle, Lawrence Schirmer, Don Moore, John Ures, Mike Windsor, Sam Weller, Elmer Jeffries, Doug Martin, Don Rinella, Al Hubert, Lloyd Rude, Pete Mackiney, Ray Howell, Arthur Jensen, George Heffelfinger, Joe Marty, Bill Grady, Walter Wilder, Jack Sellers, Robert McCurry, Louis Montfort, Bill Sisson, Arthur



Kessler, Bob Harris, Robert Schultz, Frank McEwers, Jack Silberstein, Jack Levreiro, Darrel Eglin, Walter Hedding, Leo Fahn, John Macedo, Louis Faria, Martin Zimmie, Frank Curch, Elmo Talbot, John Averill, Ty McClinton, Alin Brown, Bob Metcalf, Merrill Tomlinson, Jack Stavros, Douglas Frame, Edward Devine, Earl Martin, Bill Moody, Sydney Williams, Dawson Winter, Reid Flynn, Norman McGee, Herbert Pettigill, Walter Bardsley, Bob Davis, Chuck Wildo, Bill Burdick, Bob O'Shaughnessy, Frank Rowett, Monroe Baer, Jr., Bill Sefton, Estel Orr, Leonard McWilliams, Richard Haake, George Seilinzer, Gus Economou, Sam Frank, Clem Whitaker, Hank Paschane, Shizuo Yamada, Frank Yamada, Manuel Parente, Earl Mendoza, Tom Purvis, T. M. Roberts, Manuel Petrall, Bill Beardsee, Harry Terrell, Jr.

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The 1939 Sacramento City Directory recorded him living as a chauffeur in the home of his parents at 3947 Terminal Avenue, Sacramento.<sup>214</sup> The 1940 census recorded him as a

<sup>211</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Bee, 1 Sep 1937, Page 20,  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/617230970/?terms=%22Talbot%22%20&match=1>,  
 (accessed 22 August 2023).

<sup>212</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Bee, 8 Nov 1937, Page 20,  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/617230970/?terms=%22Talbot%22%20&match=1>,  
 (accessed 22 August 2023).

<sup>213</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Bee, 18 Nov 1937, Page 24,  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/617247106/?terms=%22Elmo%22%20&match=1>,  
 (accessed 22 August 2023).

nineteen-year-old, still with his parents, but now at Route 1, box 1921. He had completed two years of high school and was employed as a "sewer and stuffer" for a mattress company. The family was still being recorded as white.<sup>214</sup>

On 16 Oct 1942, at age 21, Elmo registered for the WWII draft. He identified his employment mattress company as the "Valley Mattress Factory." He was described as negro, 5' 3" tall, weighing 145 lb, with brown eyes, black hair, dark complexion and having a tattoo on his right arm: "hareshau [sic]," possibly a horseshoe.

|  |                      |              |  |
|--|----------------------|--------------|--|
| REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)  |                      |              | 1373   |
| SERIAL NUMBER  | 1. NAME (Print)      | ORDER NUMBER |  |
| T 1603   | ELMER LINCOLN TALBOT | T 11373      |  |
| 2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)  |                      |              |  |
| Rd 1, Box 1651, Sacramento, Calif.   |                      |              |  |
| (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)  |                      |              |  |
| [THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL] |                      |              |  |
| 3. MAILING ADDRESS<br>Same   |                      |              |  |
| 4. TELEPHONE<br>-----  |                      |              |  |
| 5. AGE IN YEARS<br>21  |                      |              |  |
| 6. PLACE OF BIRTH<br>Sacramento, Calif.  |                      |              |  |
| DATE OF BIRTH<br>Jan 26, 1921  |                      |              |  |
| (Exchange)   | (Number)             | (Mo.)        | (Day)  |
| (Year)   |                      |              |  |
| 7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS<br>Bertha Talbot (Mother) Rd 1, Box 1651                                       |                      |              |  |
| 8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS<br>Elmo's Parents 2300 Marshall Way   |                      |              |  |
| 9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS<br>Valley Mattress Factory, Sacramento, Calif.  |                      |              |  |
| (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)   |                      |              |  |
| I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.  |                      |              |  |
| D. S. S. Form 1<br>(Revised 1-1-42)  |                      | over         | ** GPO 16-21830-1<br><i>Elmer Lincoln Talbot</i><br>(Registrant's signature) |

<sup>214</sup> U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1939, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3126265?pid=203995469>, 12 Aug 2023.

<sup>215</sup> 1940 United States Federal Census, San Joaquin, Sacramento, California, Op. cit.

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The 1943 City Directory listed him living with "Lenora," [sic] at 1702 V Street. His occupation was listed as "USA," possibly meaning United States Army.<sup>217</sup> He may have married her, but I have found no marriage record. On 1 Nov 1943, The Sacramento Bee had the birth notice of a son, Elmo Leo, born 28 Oct.

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## BIRTHS

**TALBOT**—In Woodland, Yolo County, October 28, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Talbot of Woodland, a son.

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The 1950 U.S. Census recorded Elmo (29) employed, thirty-two hours a week, as a mattress maker. After WWII, he may have been able to return to the job he had held at the time of his registration for the draft in 1942. His spouse, "Leo N" [sic], Leonora (25), was working thirty-six hours a week for the State of California as a clerk typist. They were living at 4012 Second Avenue, with two children, Elmo L. Jr. (6), and Thomas R. (3). Also, in the

<sup>216</sup> U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947, National Archives at St. Louis; St. Louis, Missouri; WWII Draft Registration Cards for California, 10/16/1940-03/31/1947; Record Group: Records of the Selective Service System, 147; Box: 1774, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995\\_07\\_00032-01570?pid=18542595](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/43995_07_00032-01570?pid=18542595), 12 Aug 2023.

<sup>217</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1943*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011 <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3077979?pid=199197500>, (accessed 14 Aug 2023).

<sup>218</sup> Newspapers.com, The Sacramento Bee, 1 Nov 1943, Page 9,  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/623726723/?terms=talbot&match=1>, (accessed 22 August 2023).

home were Leonora's brother, Joseph V. Nelson (28), and his wife, Eunice L. (21), and daughter, Benita L (2).<sup>219</sup>

The 1953 Sacramento City Directory showed Elmo and Leonora at the same address on 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue, with Elmo employed as a mattress maker at the Valley Mattress company.<sup>220</sup> On 2 Nov, Elmo was listed in The Sacramento Bee among arrested drunk drivers. The next day an article appeared in the Bee, outlining his sentencing to six months in the county jail.<sup>221</sup>

## Nine Are Arrested As Drunk Drivers

Nine persons face drunk driving charges as a result of weekend arrests in the Sacramento area. Two of them were involved in minor accidents.

The drivers, their home addresses and where they were arrested follow:

Eugene Tilley, 909 Second Street, I Street Bridge; Elmo L. Talbot, 4012 Second Avenue, Alhambra Boulevard and C Street; Robert A. Norton, Mather Air Force Base, Fourth and K Streets; Coar McKay Thompson, Route 2, Box 2155, Seventeenth Street and Broadway; James W. Hahn, Route 7, Box 1121, Grand Avenue; George E. Allen, Florin, US Highway 99; Harry Singh, Lodi, San Joaquin County, US Highway 99 and Stevenson Avenue; Clarence H. Hughes, 1706 Q Street, Fruitridge Road and Alcott Avenue, and John Finley, Jr., 7680 Poppy Way, Fair Oaks Boulevard.

Tilley and Talbot were taken into custody after minor accidents.

## Four Drunk Drivers Receive Sentences

Robert Johnson of 1543 Dickson Street pleaded guilty in the municipal court to charges of drunk driving and operating a vehicle with a suspended driver's license and was sentenced by Judge James M. McDonnell to serve one year in the county jail.

Elmo L. Talbot of 4012 Second Avenue also admitted driving while drunk and was ordered to serve six months in the county jail.

Eugene Tilley of 909 Second Street pleaded guilty to a similar charge and was ordered to pay a fine of \$350 or serve 90 days in the county jail, and Robert A. Norton of Mather Air Force Base was sentenced to pay \$250 or serve a 90 day jail term after he admitted drunk driving.

The police said Johnson and Talbot were arrested twice previously on drunk driving charges.

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Two years later, he was back in the newspaper, arrested again for drunk driving. His sentence, published a month later, indicated it was his third offence. He had to serve six months in the county jail and his licence was suspended for three years.

<sup>219</sup> 1950 United States Federal Census, Sacramento, Sacramento, California, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2022, <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/62308/images/43290879-California-101415-0032?pid=259899989>, (accessed 22 Aug 2023).

<sup>220</sup> U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1953, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3676793?pid=267022906>, (accessed 4 Sep 2023).

<sup>221</sup> Newspapers.com, The Sacramento Bee, 2 Nov 1953, Page 8, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/617592449/?terms=Talbot&match=2>, (accessed 10 Sep 2023).

<sup>222</sup> Newspapers.com, The Sacramento Bee, 3 Nov 1953, Page 23, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/617593480/?terms=Talbot&match=1>, (accessed 10 Sep 2023).

## Three Face Charges Of Drunk Driving

Three persons were arrested during the night on charges of drunk driving.

Their names, addresses, and places of arrest are:

Elmo L. Talbot of 2507 41st Street, Del Paso Boulevard and Colfax Avenue; Edward H. Creigh of Oakland, US Highway 40 and Watt Avenue, and George L. James of Walnut Creek, 3rd and K Streets.

## Motorist Gets Third Drunk Driving Sentence

Elmo Lincoln Talbot, 34, of 2507 41st Street, Sacramento, was sentenced to serve six months in the county jail after being found guilty of drunk driving in the North Sacramento Municipal Court. It is his third conviction on the charge.

In addition, Judge J. L. Misall yesterday ordered Talbot's license suspended for three years.

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The 1955 directory listed Elmo alone at the same address. No occupation was recorded.<sup>225</sup> Might his drunk driving convictions and jail sentences been a factor in why Leonora was not with him in the 1955 directory listing?

In March 1959, Elmo was back in the news for drunk driving. This time he was fined and sentenced to six months in jail.

## Drunk Driving Cases

Elmo L. Talbot of 2823 O Street, at 28th and O Streets, early today.

Sidney R. Yeaman of Petaluma, Sonoma County, at 63rd Street and Broadway, early today.

Austin Kennedy of 3250 San Diego Way, in front of 604 12th Street, last night.

## Drunk Driving Cases

### Arrested

Billy Wayne Barber of 3270 Belden Street, North Sacramento, 30th and D Street, 1 AM today.

Paul Henry Jacot of 521 Southgate Road, in North Sacramento, 2 AM today.

Francis Edward Carlson of 514 Lane Drive, North Sacramento, Rio Linda Boulevard and Alamos Avenue, last night.

### In Court

Merle Sheffield of 1627 G Street, fined \$263 or 50 days in jail. Sentenced by Municipal Judge Elvin F. Sheehy.

Elmo L. Talbot of 2823 O Street, fined \$263 or 50 days plus six months in jail. Prior conviction and additional vehicle code violations.

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The 1963 Sacramento directory entry suggests that Leonora was back with him. It listed both Elmo and Leonora at 2823 O street, with Elmo employed at City Mattress.<sup>228</sup> The 1964 directory had the same listing.<sup>229</sup>

<sup>223</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Bee, 24 Sep 1955, Page 29, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/617557357/?terms=Talbot&match=1>, (accessed 10 Sep 2023).

<sup>224</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Bee, 25 Oct 1955, Page 25, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/617544171/?terms=Talbot&match=1>, (accessed 10 Sep 2023).

<sup>225</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1955*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, <https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/3693701?pid=267826824>, (accessed 7 Sep 2023).

<sup>226</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Bee, 14 Mar 1959, Page 5, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/617992807/?terms=Talbot&match=1>, (accessed 10 Sep 2023).

<sup>227</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Bee, 18 Mar 1959, Page 23, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/617933100/?terms=Talbot&match=1>, (accessed 10 Sep 2023).

In 1965, Elmo was back in the news, but not in connection with his drinking. It was reported that he and two friends had attempted to rescue a woman trapped in an apartment building fire. It is surprising to me that such a story was relegated to page 31.<sup>230</sup>

## Woman, 41, Dies As Fire Sweeps Attic Apartment

Picture on page A1.

Investigators today sought the cause of a two alarm fire which swept through the upper floor of an old wooden apartment building at 2025 Capitol Avenue last night, claiming the life of Frances Lum, 41.

She was found dead by firemen in the living room of her small attic apartment, apparently trapped by smoke and flames a few feet from two exits.

Coroner's deputies said she evidently died of smoke inhalation. Only a few small burns were found on her body.

Her screams were heard by nine other residents in the Victorian structure, who managed to rush to safety.

Flames destroyed the roof and upper floor of the ornate F.

wooden building, which once was the five bedroom home of Sacramento hardware wholesaler Henry Heilbron.

### Driven Back

Three young men, visiting in the second floor apartment of Linda De Fries, 19, rushed toward the upper story with a fire extinguisher but were driven back by smoke and darkness.

They heard a woman scream "help, help" but had to abandon a second attempt when the smoke engulfed them.

The three were identified as Richard Pinto of 2101 3rd Street; Elmo Talbot of 2823 O Street and Robert Cushing of 1913 3rd Street.

### Notice Fire

Employees at the adjacent W.

Gormley & Sons Funeral

Jack Gormley and Milton Halley, Jr., working in a garage behind the mortuary, looked up and saw flames flashing behind the upper floor window.

Gormley said he sent Halley to phone the fire department while he ran to the side of the building and yelled for the occupants to leave.

Moments later, he said, they began coming out.

At about the same time, another Gormley employee, Chuck McBride, saw the flames through his office window and phoned the fire department.

"When I got there the whole attic was engulfed in smoke," Deise said. "Moments later the flames broke through the roof."

Assistant Fire Chief P. F. Mangan received the first call at 10:12 PM and dispatched three fire fighting units. The second alarm went out a minute later. Fire Chief Thomas A. Deise and three more units answered the call.

"When I got there the whole attic was engulfed in smoke," Deise said. "Moments later the flames broke through the roof."

Firemen extinguished the blaze in about 30 minutes.

Deise said the fire evidently started in Miss Lum's living room but an investigation will be needed to determine the cause.

### Damage Confined

Fire and smoke damage was confined to the roof and top floor, Deise said, but water damage to lower floors was "extensive."

Miss Lum was the only resident of the top floor. Eleven persons of whom nine were home, lived in the building, which is divided into 14 apartments.

Lodging for the occupants was provided in a downtown motel by the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

Deise said Miss Lum was found about 10 feet from a door and fire escape through which she might have reached safety. But she apparently was overcome by the smoke before she could reach either exit.

### Built In 1890s

Heilbron built the structure in the early 1890s and lived in it with his wife and two children until his death in 1931.

His descendants sold the home about 15 years ago and it was converted into an apartment house shortly afterward.

Heilbron was the son of Adolph Heilbron and the nephew of August Heilbron, both early day Sacramento ranchers and Capitalists.

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The 1978 Sacramento directory showed Elmo to be retired, living at 220 Q street, apt 4. Leonora was not listed.<sup>232</sup> The California Divorce Index shows that she and Elmo divorced

<sup>228</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1963*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0494-01205?pid=1408399593](https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0494-01205?pid=1408399593), (accessed 7 Sep 2023).

<sup>229</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1964*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0495-01178?pid=1432059127](https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0495-01178?pid=1432059127), (accessed 7 Sep 2023).

<sup>230</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Bee, 19 Feb 1965, Page 31, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/618586559/?terms=Talbot&match=1>, (accessed 10 Sep 2023).

<sup>231</sup> *Newspapers.com*, The Sacramento Bee, 19 Feb 1965, Page 31, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/618586559/?terms=Talbot&match=1>, (accessed 10 Sep 2023).

on 5 Nov 1982.<sup>233</sup> The 1981 Sacramento Suburban Directory listing was “Talbot, Elmo L mgr Apts 1220 2d St r1220 Q Street Apt 2.” There may have been some errors recording his address. His previous address was 220 Q street Apt 2. He likely had been made manager of the apartment building in which he had been living.<sup>234</sup> The 1982 Sacramento City Directory listed him as an apartment manager, residing at 1725½ P street Apt 2. Is this an error, or had there been a re-numbering and re-labelling of streets? <sup>235</sup>

On 26 Aug 2009, Elmo Lincoln Talbot died. As a WWII veteran, he was buried in the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon, Solano county, California, a military cemetery. His find-a-grave website contains the following bio.<sup>236</sup>

Elmo was the son of Bertha Ann Stewart and John Henry Talbot; brother of John, Helen, and James Talbot.

Home in 1940: San Joaquin, Sacramento, California

Elmo enlisted in the U.S. Army on April 7, 1943, in Sacramento County, CA. At the time of his enlistment, he was living in Sacramento and was married. He was inducted on April 14, 1943, and honorably discharged on January 14, 1946.

Elmo's father, born March 20, 1864 in Canada, died December 7, 1943 in Sacramento County, CA.

Elmo's mother, born December 12, 1881 in California, died November 19, 1945 in Sacramento County, CA.

SOURCE: ancestry.com

- U.S. Federal Census
- U.S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010

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<sup>232</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1978*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0490-01014?pid=1397011318](https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0490-01014?pid=1397011318), (accessed 7 Sep 2023).

<sup>233</sup> California, *Divorce Index, 1966-1984*, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2007, [https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/1141/images/vdvusaca1978\\_0061\\_14\\_f-0201?pid=3090105](https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/1141/images/vdvusaca1978_0061_14_f-0201?pid=3090105), (accessed 7 Sep 2023).

<sup>234</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1981*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0456-00816?pid=1451254513](https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0456-00816?pid=1451254513), (accessed 7 Sep 2023).

<sup>235</sup> U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995, Sacramento, California, City Directory, 1982*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011, [https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701\\_1521003235\\_0492-00871?pid=1419634270](https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/32701_1521003235_0492-00871?pid=1419634270), (accessed 7 Sep 2023).

<sup>236</sup> U.S., *Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current*, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/174803434/elmo-liuken-talbot>, (accessed 7 Sep 2023).



Note the misspelling of his middle name:  
"Liuken" for Lincoln

Elmo Lincoln Talbot and Leonora Nelson had the following children:

19. (i) Elmo Leo (1943),
20. (ii) Thomas Richard (1946).

There are records for the next generation of the descendants of John Henry Talbot (1869 - 1943), but I am stopping my research here. It would be interesting to seek living descendants and obtain family photos. That remains a job for some other historian.

### Chapter 3. Martha Frances Who?



This is Martha Frances Talbot,

wife of



Lorenzo Talbot, [REDACTED] the stepson of Zebedee Dunbar Talbot. Born in 1828 in the U.S., according to Canadian census records, she died in Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1898.

As far as I have been able to verify, Martha was the mother of 15 children, grandmother of 63, great grandmother of 127, and great-great grandmother of 209. Her descendants today are found primarily in British Columbia, Ontario, California, Nebraska, Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and New York state.

Up until recently, her maiden name and place of birth (other than just U.S.A.) have been unknown. It seems that people didn't share information about themselves with their children. Some of Martha's grandchildren, tasked with providing data for the death registration of their parent, have provided a variety of "information."

- Her grandson, Rev. Henry Lorenzo Talbot, when reporting the death of his father, Simon Andrew Talbot, gave his grandmother's name as "Frances Moore," born in the "U.S.A."
- Grandson, Willard Norman Talbot, when reporting the death of his father Willard Alexander Talbot, said she was "Unknown Talbot," with birthplace "Unknown." He didn't even know that his grandfather's first name was Lorenzo.
- The information provided by an unknown person to "C.F. Ormes," the physician reporting the death of Martha Jane (**TALBOT**) Roberts for a cemetery record, was that she was "Martha Frances WHITE Talbot."
- Even Martha's own son, Simon Andrew Talbot, when providing information on the death of his brother, George Allen Talbot, gave his mother's name as simply "Frances," and had no knowledge of the birthplace of either of his parents.
- When daughter Alista Almenia "Minnie" (**TALBOT**) Yates died, the informant, Charles W. Yates, her brother-in-law, could only say that her parents were "Albert" and "Jenny Tolbert," with Jenny's birthplace unknown.

- When daughter Caroline “Carrie” (**TALBOT**) Mercer died, her death registration informant was her brother-in-law, “Joe Mercer.” He thought her mother’s name was “Martha F. Ball,” born in Canada.
- When daughter Altha Ann (**TALBOT**) Titus died, her husband knew her father’s name, but not her mother’s. He reported the birthplace of Altha’s mother as “USA.”

An interesting chain of events in 2018 has revealed Martha’s true identity. The story begins with one of the photos found in a St. Catherines’ dumpster. (See pages 32-34, Sons of Zebedee - Daughters Too! - vol. 1) In 2013, when Harry Talbot (Harry ← Arthur ← Lorenzo Talbot ← unknown Brewster) sold his house to go into a seniors’ residence, he abandoned all the family documents his father had stored there. The new owners tossed everything into a rented dumpster. A passerby rescued many photos, letters, and albums, and took them to an antique dealer who, seeing they had little value to most people, contacted a historian who purchased them for his research.

In 2014, when I got access to them, I was able to identify some of the portraits by the date and location of the photographer printed on them. This one I couldn’t identify, so I considered the probabilities.



The photo had been in the album of Arthur Talbot, son of Lorenzo. Arthur and his brother, James Wesley, had been very close. James was only 7 months older than Arthur. They no doubt had been playmates growing up. As an adult, James had lived for a short while in Hamilton, Arthur’s home town. I made an assumption that the unknown man in the photo was likely James Wesley. I labeled the photo “James Wesley Talbot” and posted it to his profile on my Talbot family tree on *ancestry.com*.

### Katy Jo and George Washington Ball

(Katy Jo, Bradley Owen, Ross Washington, Robert James, George Washington, Thomas Ball)

Douglas A. Talbot is my 3<sup>rd</sup> cousin. He is a direct male descendant of Lorenzo Talbot. The Y-chromosome in Doug’s DNA enabled us to learn that Lorenzo was fathered by one of the descendants of William Brewster, a Mayflower passenger, who became leader of the Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts. (See Chapter 45: The Mayflower Connection in Sons of

Zebedee – Daughters Too! – Vol. 2.) On 6 July 2018, Doug forwarded an email to me. It was from a Katy Ball. She had written:

Good afternoon Mr. Talbot,

My name is Katy Ball, I have been researching my father's lineage through Ancestry.com and GEDmatch.com. Your name has come up as a match on my father's paternal side. I am hoping that we can work together and share our family stories.

She had provided a list of her direct ancestors, covering six generations, dating back to her 3<sup>rd</sup> great-grandfather, George Washington Ball.

On census records, church, and military records, all children of George Washington Ball, with his first and second wife (including himself), were commonly referred to as "black, mulatto, colored and African." Imagine our surprise when my dad and brother both showed minor amounts of African DNA from the country of Mali.

She had also provided lists of other relatives whose shared DNA with Douglas.

I have found shared matches to descendants . . . both in the states and also in Canada. Through my search, I have found that our families have lived in common towns: Dundas, London, Chatham, Windsor, Ontario, and the Detroit area . . .

Thank you so much for your time. I hope that we can work together to find our common ancestry.

Katy Jo Ball, R.N. [and her email address]

The next day, I emailed Katy:

Hello Katy,

Douglas Talbot forwarded your email to me. Doug and I are both working on our Talbot Family Tree . . . [Despite the information you have provided] it is much more complicated than you think to find our actual connection. You have not provided enough info . . . There is the possibility that we are related through a Ball male, but, 1. You don't know who George Washington Ball's parents are, and 2. One of the Balls may have been illegitimate, throwing off all the calculations. Both Doug and I are descended from the same illegitimate 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandfather, but from Y-chromosome DNA we know what his biological father's surname is. (It's not Ball.)

Her reply on 11 July 2018, gave more information about DNA matches, including my DNA results.

Good morning Mr. Stanton,

I hope this email finds you and your family well; I was quite surprised to hear from you. I'd like to clarify some information I have collected so far. I have been researching my family tree through Ancestry.com and GEDmatch.com; on both sites my Ball Family Tree is open to public viewing.

On Ancestry, your DNA profile matches my father and my brother; and also, other descendants of George Washington Ball: D.H. managed by JC and also an F.S. managed by RS, Jr. On Ancestry, my father matches Mr. Talbot with shared matches of D.H., JC, and your profile. When I downloaded our raw data to GEDmatch.com, my father, brother and I matched your kit number . . .

I have found GWB's parents listed on several documents as Thomas and Catherine Ball; Thomas is also listed as being from the US, Canada and [/or] Ireland. I know I mentioned this before, but I did notice a picture of James Wesley Talbot that resembled a photograph my family has of George Washington Ball. I would love to know the source of your photo. I received mine from a granddaughter of Henry [sic] Herbert Percival Ball; this picture and others are featured in a photo album cherished by her father.

Thank you again for your time,

Katy

We exchanged a few more emails but made no progress on identifying any common ancestor.

Katy Jo Ball had found, via *ancestry.com*, that she and I shared some DNA.

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**You and Katy Ball**  
**Shared DNA: 11 cM across 1 segments**  
**Unweighted shared DNA: 16 cM**  
**Longest segment: 16 cM**

How do we estimate DNA relationships?

**Shared DNA: 11 cM**

Shared DNA is the amount of identical DNA that you and a match inherited from one or more recent common ancestors. Ancestry filters out DNA not connected to a recent common ancestor giving you a more accurate estimated relationship. Ancestry does this using an algorithm called TIMBER.

**Unweighted shared DNA total: 16 cM**  
**Longest segment: 16 cM**

Unweighted shared DNA is the total amount of identical DNA two people share, including DNA that is shared for reasons other than a recent common ancestor, such as being from the same ethnicity or community. Because of that, unweighted shared DNA will almost always be larger than shared DNA for distant relationships that share 90 cM or less.

Sometimes, for more distant relationships, the longest segment will be longer than the amount of shared DNA. This is because we measure the longest shared segment including all unweighted DNA , while the shared DNA filters out DNA that is shared for reasons other than a recent common ancestor.

**Helpful terms:**

**cM (centimorgans):** The total amount of DNA you share with your matches is measured in centimorgans (cMs). The higher the number, the more closely you are related.

**Segments:** The DNA you share with your matches is distributed across segments - short segments, long segments, or some combination of both. The length of the longest segment you and a DNA match have in common can help determine your relationship. Often, sharing fewer, longer segments indicates a closer relationship.

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<sup>1</sup> Ancestry.com, <https://www.ancestry.com/profile/0301d9b3-0006-0000-0000-000000000000?compareToTestId=4CBE6611-0E9A-4147-AB4A-D07A1B86973A>, (accessed 31 Oct 2023).

In an email quoted above, Katy remarked that one of my photos on ancestry.com resembled one of hers. On the left is Katy's photo of George Washington Ball. On the right is my photo that came from the St. Catharines' dumpster.



On 16 Jan 2022, I accessed an online photo comparison website and got the following analysis:

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{
  "confidence": 0.999448,
  "image1_face": {
    "quality": 0.824518,
    "faceRectangle": {
      "x": 103,
      "y": 78,
      "height": 286,
      "width": 211
    }
  },
  "image2_face": {
    "quality": 0.756498,
    "faceRectangle": {
      "x": 108,
      "y": 47,
      "height": 163,
      "width": 114
    }
  }
}

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They matched. This meant that I was wrong when I thought that this photo was James Wesley Talbot. It was actually George Washington Ball. Why was this photo in the Arthur & Elizabeth Talbot album? George and the Talbots all lived in Hamilton, Ontario. Was George just a family friend? That might have been true except for the fact that Katy found DNA matches between three of Lorenzo Talbot's descendants and descendants of George

<sup>2</sup> Ancestry.com, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-matches/compare/4cbe6611-0e9a-4147-ab4a-d07a1b86973a/with/cab0fd52-d61e-4d7f-82ba-7689bcad3971/trees>, (accessed 31 Oct 2023).

<sup>3</sup> Mxface.com, I can provide only the website URL where the comparison was made.

Washington Ball. They are Douglas Arthur Talbot II, William Richardson, and me, Kenneth R. Stanton. I have since found that the Balls have shared DNA with other descendants of Lorenzo Talbot (←unknown Brewster): Carol Talbot, Michelle Lucas Matchett, Carolyn Mitchell, Kim Talbot, and Carole Wayner. This showed that descendants of George Washington Ball are blood-related to us, Talbots.

In 2021, after I found Lorenzo's daughter, Caroline, as Carrie Mercer via newspapers.com, further search yielded her death certificate.

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| FORM V. S. No. 5.   |                        | COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.<br>BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.<br>CERTIFICATE OF DEATH. |  |
| PLACE OF DEATH.   |                        |   |  |
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| Township of <u>X</u>  |                        | Primary Registration District No.   | <u>446</u>   |
| or<br>Borough of <u>X</u>   |                        | File No.  | <u>16053</u>   |
| or<br>City of <u>New Castle</u> (No.)   |                        | Registered No.  | <u>126</u>   |
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| PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS  |                        |   |  |
| SEX   | COLOR                  | MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH  |  |
| <u>Female</u>   | <u>Melatto</u>         | DATE OF DEATH   | <u>Feb 20 1907</u>   |
| DATE OF BIRTH   |                        | (Month)   | (Day)  |
| <u>July 7<sup>th</sup></u>  | <u>1874</u>            | (Year)  | (Year)   |
| AGE   |                        | I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from                                       |  |
| <u>32 years, 7 months, 13 days</u>  |                        | <u>190</u> to <u>190</u>  |  |
| SINGLE, MARRIED,<br><del>WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED</del>   | Married                | that I last saw h alive on  | <u>190</u>   |
| BIRTHPLACE<br>(State or county)   | <u>Canada</u>          | and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at                                 |  |
| NAME OF<br>FATHER   | <u>Seoranga Talbot</u> | M. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:   |  |
| BIRTHPLACE<br>OF FATHER<br>(State or county)  | <u>Canada</u>          | <u>Carrie Mercer, Cause of her<br/>Death from drinking<br/>audience, Suicide</u>      |  |
| MAIDEN NAME<br>OF MOTHER  | <u>Martha F Ball</u>   | 410 (Duration) Days   |  |
| BIRTHPLACE<br>OF MOTHER<br>(State or county)  | <u>Canada</u>          | Contributory  |  |
| OCCUPATION  | <u>House wife</u>      | (Duration) Days   |  |
| THE ABOVE STATED PERSONAL PARTICULARS ARE TRUE<br>TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF                          |                        |   |  |
| (Informant)   | <u>Joe Mercer</u>      | (Signed) <u>Dr J P Cox Coroner</u> M. D.  |  |
| (Address)   | <u>City</u>            | Feb 20 1907 (Address) <u>3 S Off St</u>   |  |
| Regd  | <u>Feb 21 1907</u>     | PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL  | DATE OF BURIAL   |
|   |                        | <u>Steubenville</u>   | <u>Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 1907</u>  |
| REGD  | 667 Journe             | UNDERTAKER  | ADDRESS  |
|   | Registrar              | <u>J. W. and Co<br/>New Castle</u>  |  |

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<sup>4</sup> Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1964, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/5164/images/41381\\_2421406260\\_0563-02303?plId=2228491](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/5164/images/41381_2421406260_0563-02303?plId=2228491), (accessed 15 Jan 2022).

In it, the informant, Caroline's brother-in-law, Joe Mercer, named Caroline's mother as "Martha F Ball," born in "Canada." Because he knew Caroline ("Carrie") to have been born in Canada, he may have assumed both her parents had been born there too. This was the first and only document that gave "Ball" as Martha Frances maiden name. Caroline was the second youngest of Martha Frances' fifteen children, and had lived in Wheeling, West Virginia, with her mother until Martha died there in 1898. Perhaps Carrie had learned her mother's maiden name and shared it with her Mercer husband and brother-in-law.

Since I found this data prior to communication with Katy Ball, I didn't give any more credence to "Ball" than I had previously given to "Moore" and "White". But now that I had a DNA connection to Ball descendants, I zeroed in on the evidence that Ball was Martha's maiden name and re-examined data to see if there was anything that would identify her birthplace.

There is no record, so far, of George Washington Ball's siblings. Martha Frances Ball may have been an older sister (born in 1828), who was brought to Canada in 1837 at age 9, when George (born 1835) was at age 2, (according to his obituary; see page 86, below). If so, George would have been Arthur Talbot's uncle, a brother of his mother, Martha Frances (**BALL**) Talbot, hence his photo in Arthur's album.

Unfortunately, Katy Jo Ball died in 2018. Her quest for genealogy was cut short and I couldn't share with her what I had discovered.

Lesson Learned / Tip:

Re-examine saved records. You may notice something you hadn't before, or because of the passage of time and additional new information, something may have significance now that you didn't recognize before.

Remembering that I had written the above **Lesson Learned/Tip** in Volume 1 of Sons of Zebedee - Daughters Too!, I decided to have another look at Martha Frances's death registration.

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April 1898, Martha F. Tholbert, Col, F, Widow, 60, Housewife, Va., Cancer of Uterus,  
1024 Eoff, Ward 2, buried in Peninsular cemetery, Beokchy, R. J. Reed.

Sure enough! Whoever gave the information for this registration had known that Martha Frances had been born in Virginia. I had previously assumed this was because she had died in West Virginia. All the previous data (census records, both Canadian and American) had suggested she had been born in New England, or just the U.S.A. and that her husband, Lorenzo Talbot, had been born in New England.

I decided to find out all I could about George Washington Ball and any record that might show he had siblings. Some records showed he was born in the USA, lived in the Niagara area of Ontario, and died an accidental death in Dundas at age 64.<sup>6</sup> Perhaps his obituary might list surviving siblings.

A record in the Geneanet Community Trees Index (online) named his exact birthdate, without citing any source, as 27 May 1835.<sup>7</sup> I messaged the person who posted it, Earl Cory, to provide his source. I found that same date posted on 29 Sep 2016 on *familysearch.com* by a user, StevenJohnHaslam. I messaged him also.<sup>8</sup> They may have taken that date from George's tombstone in the Grove Cemetery, Dundas.

<sup>5</sup> West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History, “Death Records Search Results” for “Martha Tholbert,” 1898, [https://archive.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_view.aspx?Id=5732594&Type=Death](https://archive.wvculture.org/vrr/va_view.aspx?Id=5732594&Type=Death), <http://images.wvculture.org/857523/00046.jpg> (accessed 25 Nov 2023)

<sup>6</sup> *Hamilton Spectator*, 7 Sept 1899, "Fell to His Death," front page.

<sup>7</sup> Earl Cory, *Geneanet Community Trees*, "George Washington Ball,"  
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/6299011603:62476?ssrc=pt&tid=71322150&pid=202338040843>, and <https://gw.geneanet.org/earlcory?n=ball&oc=&p=george+washington>, (accessed 18 Feb 2023).

<sup>8</sup> Steven John Haslam, *familysearch.org*, “George Washington Ball,” <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KNB1-WYG> (accessed 20 Feb 2023).



Photo posted to  
ancestry.com by  
Katy Jo Ball  
in 2017

George's 1899 obituary stated that he had been born in Richmond, Virginia, in 1835 and had come to Canada in 1837, when he would have been two years old. This suggests that his parents moved the family to Canada from Virginia.

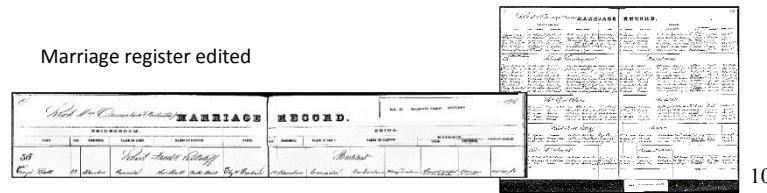
|   |  |
|---|--|
| <p><b>The Late George W. Ball.</b></p> <p>One of the saddest deaths that has occurred in Dundas for many years was that of George Ball, which last evening occurred on the night of the Herkimer reception. After the accident Mr. Fannin and Mr. Ball were conveyed to their respective homes. Mr. Ball never recovered consciousness and died at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday. The news caused general regret among the citizens of both town and county, the deceased being one of the best known and most respected residents of this district. The funeral which was opened this morning at 10 o'clock took place in St. Peter's to the great satisfaction of the officers and members of the local office, O. C. H. C., the Wentworth Police Board, and Town Council and civic officials attending. The services at the grave were conducted by Rev. A. P. Macdonald of St. Peter's, Rev. James A. Dunn of Hamilton, the Clergy of St. Peter's, and other officers of the O.C.H.C. The pall-bearers were six sons Edward, W. H. Herbert, Robert, Richard and Charles. The late Mr. Ball will be greatly missed in the field, the Baptist church and the many institutions with which he was connected. For many years Mr. Ball has been collector of taxes. He was a member of the Baptist church for about 40 years being treasurer for some 20 years, treasurer of the Home Circle, member of the executive committee and first treasurer of the Winona Lodge, an officer of, and one of the most active workers of the Liberal Conservative party in this riding, and at one time a member of the town council.</p> | <p>Last paragraph enlarged →</p> <p>The late George Washington Ball was born in Richmond, Virginia, in 1835, the family coming to Canada in 1837, living for some time in Winona and afterwards in West Flamboro. During the Fenian Raid Mr. Ball was a member of the militia. He first married Lucretia Page, she dying in 1863. There were three sons, John in Kansas City, George in Washington Territory, Edward in Dundas and one daughter Kate in Dundas by the first marriage. In 1868 Mr. Ball married Elizabeth Danholm and came to Dundas next year. The children of the second marriage were W. H. Ball, Dundas; Robert Ball; Lucknow; Herbert Ball, Dundas; Richard Ball, Hospeler; and Charles, Ernest, Mary, Edith, Nable, Edna. Shortly after coming to Dundas Mr. Ball purchased from Nelson Able the stage business between Hamilton and Dundas, carrying on this until the H. &amp; D. was started when he became one of its first conductors.</p> |
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<sup>9</sup> GWBall-obituary, Dundas Star, Sept 7, 1899, provided by Kelsey Haas, Archivist, Dundas Museum & Archive, Dundas, Ontario.

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On 29 Oct 1868, George Ball (32) of Flamboro, son of Thomas and Catherine Ball, married Elizabeth Dunham [*sic*] (Denholm) (19) of Flamboro, daughter of George and Mary Dunham. The marriage was witnessed by Hannah Lightfoot of Flamboro, and William George Brown of Dundas. I was surprised at seeing the witnesses' names. Hannah Lightfoot is the sister of my great-grandfather, Lewis Cresswell Lightfoot, and William Brown married Hannah's sister, Ann Elizabeth Lightfoot. This marriage record identified George's parents as Thomas and Catherine Ball.



*Enlargement below.*

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<sup>10</sup> *Ontario, Canada, Marriages, 1801-1928*, Archives of Ontario; Toronto, Ontario, Canada; County Marriage Registers, 1858-June 1869; Reel: 10, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010, accessed 31 Oct 2023).

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*Prob Wm Ormsby (Cont'd)* MARRIAGE

| BRIDE&GROOM.             |      |            |                 |   |                                  |
|--------------------------|------|------------|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|
| NAME.                    | AGE. | RESIDENCE. | PLACE OF BIRTH. | NAMES OF PARENTS.                         | NAMES.                           |
| <i>36</i><br>George Ball | 32   | Gloucester | Gloucester      | Prob. Fredk. Ratcliff<br>Thos. Ball, wife | Fredk. Ratcliff<br>Eliza D. Ball |

RECORD.

| BRIDE. |            |                 |                              |                                   |            |            |                   |
|--------|------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| AGE.   | RESIDENCE. | PLACE OF BIRTH. | NAMES OF PARENTS.            | WITNESS.                          | NAME.      | RESIDENCE. | DATE OF MARRIAGE. |
|        |            | <i>Baptist</i>  |                              |                                   |            |            |                   |
| 19     | Gloucester | Gloucester      | George Johnson, Mary Johnson | Hannah Lightfoot, Anna S. Johnson | Gloucester | Gloucester | Oct 27, 1869      |

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So far, I have found no death record or obituary for George's father, Thomas Ball. Knowing:

1. George Washington Ball's birthplace was said to be Richmond, Virginia, (G.W. Ball obituary) and
2. That he had been brought to Canada as a two-year-old in 1837 (same article), and
3. That his father was Thomas Ball (G.W. Ball marriage registration),

I decided to look for Thomas Ball in U.S. census records for Richmond, Virginia. The last census, prior to the family emigrating to Canada, would have been that of 1830. That census, during the period of slavery in Virginia, lists only the male landholder by name, and the number of the white male and females that fall into fixed age groups, and the numbers of male and female slaves in the same age groupings.

In the 1830 Federal Census, I found a Thomas Ball in Richmond City Virginia.

Enlargement  
is below

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I made the following assumptions:

1. Thomas Ball, slave owner, was white.
2. Martha Frances Ball might be a sister of George Washington Ball.
3. Since Martha Frances Ball was born in 1828,<sup>12</sup> she might be listed in this record at age two.

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<sup>11</sup> 1830 United States Federal Census, Richmond Madison Ward, Richmond (independent City), Virginia; Series: M19; Roll: 195; Page: 408; Family History Library Film: 0029674, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8058/images/4411345\\_00815?pid=2246310](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8058/images/4411345_00815?pid=2246310), (accessed 31 Oct 2023).

4. Since George Washington Ball was identified as "mulatto," I considered the possibility that Thomas Ball may have fathered George and Martha. She might have been listed as a female slave in the "slaves: female: under 10 years of age" group. George wasn't born until five years after the 1830 U.S. census.

*408*      **SCHEDULE of the whole number of Persons within the Division allotted to S. W. M.**

| Name of<br>County<br>Township<br>Precinct,<br>Hundred,<br>District | NAME<br>or<br>HEADS OF FAMILIES | FREE WHITE PERSONS, (INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES.) |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------|--|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|--|--|
|  |                                 | MALES  |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         | FEMALES |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |  |  |
|  |                                 | Under 5  | 5 to 10 | 10 to 15 | 15 to 20 | 20 to 25 | 25 to 30 | 30 to 40 | 40 to 50 | 50 to 60 | 60 to 70 | 70 to 80 | 80 to 90 | 90 to 100 | 100 &c. | Under 5 | 5 to 10 | 10 to 15 | 15 to 20 | 20 to 30 | 30 to 40 | 40 to 50 | 50 to 60 | 60 to 70 | 70 to 80 | 80 to 90 | 90 to 100 | 100 &c. |  |  |
|  | John Armstrong                  |  |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |  |  |
|  | Sally Allen                     |  |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |  |  |
|  | Ashahala Amos                   |  |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |  |  |
|  | Daniel Atter                    |  |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |  |  |
|  | Julius Caesar Allen             |  |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |  |  |
|  | Col Lawson Burfoot              |  |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |  |  |
|  | David Burley                    |  |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |  |  |
|  | James Bushor                    | 1  |         | 4        | 7        | 3        | 2        |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |         | 2       | 3        | 3        | 4        |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |  |  |
|  | John G Blair                    | 2  | 1       | 1        |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |         | 2       | 1        | 1        | 1        |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |  |  |
|  | Dr John Brockenbrough           |  |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |  |  |
|  | Thomas Ball                     |  | 1       | 2        | 5        | 4        |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |  |  |
|  | N Charron                       | 1  | 2       | 2        | 2        | 1        | 1        |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |         | 1       | 1        | 1        | 1        |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |  |  |
|  | William Baden                   |  |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |  |  |
|  | Rouken Barrett                  |  |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |  |  |
|  | Rouken Benelle                  |  |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |         |  |  |

<sup>12</sup> 1861 Census of Canada, Stephen Township, Huron, Canada West, Canada, Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2009, [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1570/images/4391937\\_00671?plid=797739534](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1570/images/4391937_00671?plid=797739534), (accessed 19 Jul 2023).

This census record shows that Thomas Ball did have one female slave less than ten years old. This might have been Martha Frances.

The following is just a theory: In 1837, Thomas Ball may have emigrated to Canada bringing some of his family with him, among them his mulatto children, George Washington (2 yr old) and Martha Frances (9 yr old). Did he bring more? Will more 1837 Thomas immigrants be found in Canada West? Did he bring his wife and his white children? Did he free his adult slaves before emigrating? Are there any records of sale of his slaves? This is work for some future historian.

Thomas Ball married Catharine, born in Ontario. Had his first wife died? Been left behind in Virginia? Who was his first wife (wives were not named in the 1830 U.S. census)?

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